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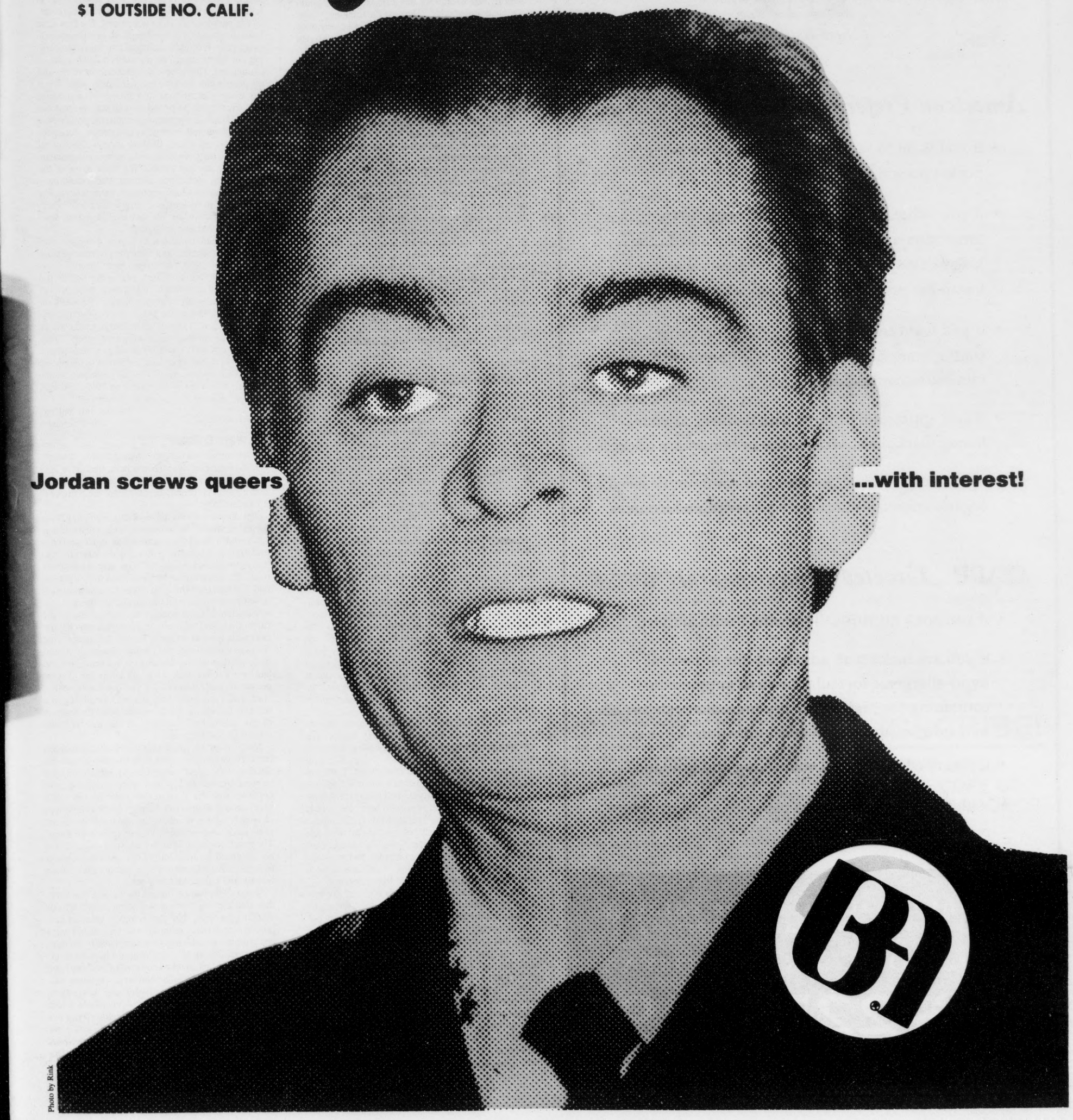

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A Little Subversion Goes a Long Way

I'd like to thank the *SF Bay Times* for printing the endless letters on the subject of transsexuality. I have found this whole fight/discussion in the pages of your newspaper incredibly moving and educational.

As a "womyn-born" lesbian, I am profoundly split by this issue. One day I think, "Why should we exclude anybody?" The next I'm thinking, "Yes, I respect transsexuals' experiences, but every once in a while I just want to be able to be with women raised like I was, with the same experiences of oppression *as women.*" What it really comes down to is "How vulnerable am I feeling today?" Separatism is a defensive stance. I don't think it's particularly progressive, but sometimes it's necessary to "take a break."

I have been to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival and I couldn't tell you if I'd like their official policy to be inclusive or not. I do know that if I recognized a transsexual in the shower or on a path I wouldn't go running for security. As a leather-dyke, I know what a pain in the butt it is to feel like the "powers-that-be" are hostile, and I have to admire those transsexuals with the guts to challenge the status quo. A little subversion goes a long way.

I'm sure this will all muddle itself out eventually. Lesbians and transsexuals who can get along will find places and ways to work together; and those who need their 100 percent separatist lives will do the same. The problem is limited resources—when there are so few places and events and organizations between our communities, it's hard to try to meet everyone's needs. Meanwhile, this dialogue will help the interested parties to determine what *exactly* their needs are. Thanks for providing the space.

Fish
San Francisco

Love With Many Names

In response to your cover story, "The Year of the Queer" (Dec. 31), and especially to Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Peggy Sue: Haven't we had enough "enforced" categories, whether imposed on us or imposed by us? The word "queer" *is* effective for its shock value, its in-your-face attitude and for its reclaiming of homophobic slurs—but to me it seems to evoke more controversy and misinformation.

So, instead of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual community, we are a Queer Nation with liberty and justice for all, except for those of us who are left limp by oversimplified group identification and the suppression of uniquely lesbian and gay voices. Sure, there are people who object to the use because they are unwilling to come out to certain audiences with this moniker representing them, but that isn't my argument.

I was shocked by Mr. Fitzgerald's resort to classifying people upset with the use of the word queer as "not particularly thrilled with their attraction to men." First, I am thrilled and I have no problem with my identity, sexual or otherwise. Second, yes folks, there are lesbians who find themselves unsettled and uninvited by labels applied to them with the threat of the stigma "self-internalized homophobe" as "punishment" for non-compliance with the "guidelines."

We are of all races, religions and cultures. We encompass the entire human gender experience. We cannot tolerate oppression and suppression from outside or inside our community. Ms. Peggy Sue, you seem a tad reactionary and embittered. I am not dumb or closeted. If you feel that one word defines your entire life and lifestyle, well great, I'm happy for you. Just don't insult those who have other words to cling to. I say "cling" because this is ridiculous. How can anyone seriously believe that one word can satisfy the cultures and identities of the multifaceted continuum of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals? I say no to this bandying of chic media bites and the inherent word fascism that it denotes.

We all have a responsibility to educate, not just ourselves, but everyone who does not understand us or does not tolerate us. This is an arduous task, but it is essential to our survival. We must work for a unity that a mere word cannot bring, a unity that accepts and understand's life's diversity. Fighting over and judging each other on labels? We have enough in front of us to deal with. It's time we came together truly. The political arena has never been so ripe with our perspectives. Words alone will not deter the dangers and pitfalls we face every day. Only together will we be taken seriously. Once we were labeled, "The love that dare not speak its name." Will we condemn our brothers and sisters to the fate of the love that cannot speak of its many names?

James Dwyer
San Francisco

Come Together

This year the parade committee selected "Year of the Queer" over "Fight or Die" and "A Love Worth Fighting For" as the theme of this year's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration. It seems appropriate that this year's theme reflects a growing diversity and a renewed militancy in our communities. The Year of the Queer calls out to those who are radically different to stand up and be counted. It is a theme that places a value on being different and so it encourages our diversity and demands tolerance. It is an in-your-face attack on the last vestiges of bigotry within our community and it is in the face of politicians who would keep us separated lest we should awaken the sleeping beast.

The parade is all about queerness. The first time I saw the parade, I jumped right in, as thousands do every year. It is this excitement that keeps me coming out every year. The parade is a celebration of coming out. This is how we celebrate ourselves and the people that we have created family with. It is a day when you can look into the eyes of a stranger or a friend, and be proud of who we are, and not afraid. This is a day that we reclaim the power over our own lives and our destiny as a people. As a people, we are all queers fighting for the rights of all people, for a better society and a more compassionate world. We are like a tribe. We share many of the same values—tolerance, sharing, understanding—and we have had many common experiences. We have found in each other a family that could otherwise never have been. We have challenged our fears and discovered our strengths.

Rather than condemn this year's banner, we should come together as a family to end this fighting, because 1993 is the Year of the Queer. As a 16-year-old gay youth put it, "Every year is the Year of the Queer, whether we call it that or not, because San Francisco is the city of homosexuals." I would look forward to a Year of the Queer where gays and lesbians are allowed to join the military; a year where housing and job discrimination against queers comes to an abrupt end. I look forward to a year where millions of queers march on the nation's capital and are greeted with generosity by the president. I look forward to a Year of the Queer in 1993, and like Harvey Milk said, "I want to recruit you!"

Jeff Bullard
San Francisco

Old Ways Crumble

Attention all gays, fags, dykes, fairies, queens, queers, fudgepackers, rugmunchers, fruitcakes, lesbians, cocksuckers and any other slang term that is politically correct and acceptable for the homosexual community:

The uproar over the theme of this year's gay pride parade is stupid, demoralizing and embarrassing. Let's end it now! At a time when our country is undergoing significant political and social changes that have ignited a sense of hope and promise for many, the gay community has chosen fragmentation and isolation over the term "queer," a word that is upsetting to some while inspiring to others.

We should be ashamed of our lack of respect for each other, and ashamed at the verbal attacks that have been leveled at Ggreg Taylor. No matter what our personal feelings, the parade committee should be supported for the decisions it has made and the hard work it has done. (I do not know Mr. Taylor personally and I don't care if you don't believe me. And, yes, I am under 35 years old, something that seems to be held against those who ruffle the feathers of the established hierarchy of the gay political system in San Francisco.)

Mr. Taylor has obviously worked and lobbied hard. He earned his position on the committee. He did not simply wave a magic wand, which I'm sure he would have liked to have done, and magically come up with the Year of the Queer theme. Let's give him and the committee more credit. There was obviously a lot of headbanging and tough decisions to be made, and not all of us will agree with them. The people responsible for the decisions made should be supported for their hard work and commitment to a cause that a lot of us see as just another reason to fuck and party and carry on.

If you don't want to attend the parade this year, then don't come. I'm sorry if some people are offended by a word that also brings a sense of empowerment to many others. Some feel the old ways are crumbling—old ways are supposed to do that. Stop criticizing something that hasn't happened yet. Wait and see; get involved instead of bitching; and if you don't approve of the outcome, challenge Mr. Taylor next time for his position and be ready to work very hard all year long with very little praise or admiration. Until then, let's welcome what lies ahead, and use it as a challenge to learn and grow by. Let us listen to, and most importantly hear, what others are saying so we can grow together as a community instead of growing apart. It's really that simple. If we can't learn to appreciate the lessons taught to us by the trials and tribulations of generations past

as well as present, then we are in trouble, no matter where the parade starts or finishes, no matter what banner we march under.

Brian Procknal
San Francisco

... Better Stuff for All of Us

Because I'm neither lesbian nor transsexual I've kept my mouth shut about the recent controversy, but I agree with Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan's letter ("Spoiled by Luxury," *SF Bay Times*, Dec. 31) which was critical of "all that hair-splitting."

Also, I'm glad to see Ggreg Deborah Taylor back with his column. I have no association with "the clubs," nor do I go to them, so I've no prejudice about them, but Taylor is always interesting because he thinks. As to the controversy surrounding "Year of the Queer," I'm all for the slogan as slogans go. Better that than "Day of the Gay," which is what it is for too many people. (And I am old enough, at age 60, to remember when "queer" was a hateful, depressingly pejorative word.)

Finally, it was gratifying to see your reporter, Tim Kingston, getting some recent credit as one of the "Ten Who Mattered in 1992" in *SF Weekly*.

May 1993 be the beginning of better stuff for all of us.

John D. Dolan
San Francisco

Against the Backlash

The backlash against queer activists and activism which marked much of the latter part of last year and now threatens to drag its flatulent snideness into the present one is terribly dangerous to all of us and therefore must not go unchecked and unexamined by both those who perpetuate it and those who are forced to respond to it. It is violent, it is mystifying, it is invalidating, and it is cynical.

If you are comfortable and happy with the way things are, you can be sure you too are part of the backlash. The appropriate response to the present social context of oppression, hatred, discrimination, violence, AIDS, sexism and heterosexism is outrage, not swathing your shoulders with sweaters for a casual tete-a-tete at the Midnight Sun. However, the backlash has destroyed any sense of urgency in the struggle to end our silence and invisibility and has replaced our anger and passion with the image of the affable homosexual. Ugliness may be a questionable virtue, but courage and honesty are not.

Queer activists are not above criticism, but nor are they below your support. The reaction to queers as reflected in our papers is invariably lifeless and snobby, overly rational to the point of being completely cut off, and no matter how liberal-sounding, is actually deathly conservative; more like a response one would expect to hear from those "adults" who, despising the vitality of their children, teach them "a lesson or two" with a cruel and murderous indifference, to put them in their place.

Well, queer people (who, by the way, represent a wide range of ages) are not your children, not intellectually, not spiritually and not politically. Your respectability is not respectable. Indeed, it is this very conformity to oppression that we need to collectively fight and end.

Ande Welthorpe
San Francisco

Warning at Buena Vista Park

I would like to alert the community about the following incident that happened to me on Jan. 10 at 3 am:

While at the top of the hill at Buena Vista Park, a man began talking to me, telling me how he had been "bumping it" at the Phoenix earlier in the evening. After talking for about five minutes, the man put a knife to my throat and said he would cut me if I didn't give him money. After he pulled the knife, the man denied he was gay.

The man was a Black male, 5'10", 140 lbs., cleanshaven, with short-cropped hair, dressed in dark clothes. When I told him the money was in my car, he held the knife to my side as we walked down the hill to my car. The man continually threatened me with bodily harm while walking down the hill. After giving him the money, the man made one last threat before walking back into the park.

Name withheld by request

Sex Education at EROS

Thank you for Don Baird's informative "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex Clubs" in the Dec. 31 issue of *SF Bay Times*. I enjoy Don's writing and appreciate his sex-positive, personal and objective review of sexual emporia serving the gay male audience in San Francisco.

While informative, the article in no way tells me everything I want to know about the SF sex scene. The HQ, 1808, Buster's Pacific Heights parties, the East Bay clubs, and a number of others were absent from his article. Of particular importance, EROS, located at 2051 Market St. (near Church Street, across from Safeway) was not mentioned. EROS has been an exciting sex play space since its grand opening last May. Perhaps originally too ambitious in offering all-men, all-women and mixed bi/queer parties, EROS is now open every Friday and Saturday from 10 pm to 4 am for men only. On other evenings, EROS hosts arousing and kinky parties for private and public groups. (Call the EROS information line at 864-EROS for details.)

The most ambitious undertaking of the EROS sex palace is to provide more than condoms, lube, gloves and dental dams. EROS has its own sex education program. On selected Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in January and February, EROS will be open for Sex/Life Education. These events will be facilitated by longtime sex educators like Isadora Alman ("Ask Isadora"), Guy Baldwin (of the L.A. S/M scene) and Clark Taylor (Sexologist's Safer Sex Project). Sex/Life offers something for everyone from communication and starting relationships to tantra, S/M, butt play, flogging and fist fucking. And the price has been minimized at $10 to $15 to provide the greatest access possible. These workshops will be full of live demonstrations, hands-on activities, sex pride, enjoyment and excitement.

Educational research has long demonstrated that new skills and behaviors are best developed with practice. Drivers' education takes place in a car. Culinary academies teach cooking in a kitchen. The best science classes use a laboratory. EROS is the first and foremost institution of hands-on, participatory sex education and, as such, is one of the most important, stimulating and hot sex clubs in the city. I hope Don won't miss EROS in his next review.

Sammy Scott
Volunteer EROS Education Project Coordinator
San Francisco

The title of Don Baird's article, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex Clubs," was only a tongue-in-cheek reference to his personal preferences and experiences at certain establishments. Don's column was not intended to be a comprehensive guide to sex clubs in the Bay Area. We regret any misunderstanding the title may have caused.

Blitz Somalia

May I suggest a lesbian/gay blitz of heartwarming letters to our courageous Marines in Somalia? Considering the issue of gays in the military that is heating up, and the fact that this is a mission of peace (not war), I think the timing couldn't be better!

Many of us are sick of the war machine mentality, while others in our community are fighting for recognition of homosexuals in the military. Acknowledgement of same-sex lovers in the armed forces, and encouragement of military action for humanitarian purposes, can both be served by sending considerate and thoughtful letters or cards to: Any Marine, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, UIC 43609, FPO AP 96608-3609. This address will deliver letters to those Marines in Somalia who may not have lovers or close family and friends and therefore are least likely to receive any personal mail.

Please compose the letter with dignity, concern and support; that is, don't be snooty or outrageous over being gay. Remember, in identifying your lifestyle, you represent our community at large to the military. Just as you express your admiration for the Marine's courage, so should the Marine be impressed by your humanity as a proud, responsible lesbian or gay person.

My lover of seven years recently passed away. He was a Marine, a Vietnam veteran, and a courageous, compassionate man. Through the '70s and '80s he was a gay rights activist, as well as an anti-war demonstrator. I only wish he were alive today, to see one of his dreams finally come true: a peaceful military mission to bring comfort and hope to destitute people. (And he'd absolutely burst with pride to see that it's the *Marines!*)

So, why not pick up your pen and write an inspiring and cheerful letter that may reach a grateful soldier, who might also turn out to be, some day, a very good friend! And why stop at one letter? I'm composing 25!

Gene Catalano
San Francisco

Good Witches and Bad Witches

As a witch, I was not offended by your "Ding, Dong, the Witch is Dead" cover (Nov. 5). The song comes from *The Wizard of Oz*, a movie that was rare in that it showed that there are both good witches and bad witches (like any other group). The song was about a tyrant witch and was totally appropriate to George Bush's defeat.

The fact that some women wrote to complain showed how deeply in pain some of us are—that even on joyous occasions, we have no sense of humor.

Magaly Ortiz
Berkeley

Expose Bigots

While 1992 was definitely a year of forward progress for our gay and lesbian community, it was also a year of progress for the radical right and neo-fascist religions.

These neo-fascist religions, as exemplified by Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition or Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition, honed their sophisticated propaganda into a winning strategy. Just look at Colorado's Amendment 2.

Our community *must* understand what we are up against and develop counterpoints to their bigotry. First and foremost, we must realize that the religious right has been molded into a fascist-based political movement. To survive, fascists need targets to hate. In Germany, it is foreigners. In Serbia, it is Muslims. In America, it is gays. As always, fascists must dehumanize their targets in order for hatred to succeed.

Once the dehumanizing begins, the violence starts. Meanwhile, the haters develop simplistic jingoisms to excuse their violence. Who has not heard, "Some of my best friends are Black. I just don't want to live with them."

We hear, "Gays and lesbians choose their lifestyle," in spite of the fact that there is no scientific evidence to support this statement. In a world full of various shades of skin, hair color and body sizes, just to name a few variations, the right-wing would have you believe that there is only one type of biological sexuality.

And yet, this subtle piece of fascist "big lie" has been used time and again to commit some of the most heinous acts of violence against gays and lesbians. Just look at the ongoing record of military violence against gays. The beatings, jailings, torture and even murders that are being committed all under the excuse of this big lie.

We hear, "AIDS is caused by homosexual behavior." This is one of the most effective lies used to suppress and dehumanize our community. Yet every time an effective program is developed to fight the spread of the virus, who stands in the way? The radical right. They couldn't care less if millions of Americans die as long as they can profit from dividing and dehumanizing people. They fail to explain the low infection rate in the lesbian community while totally ignoring infections in the straight world. To the Robertsons of this world, death and human suffering: just another political tool.

One thing is clear: Hatred and bigotry in any form is unacceptable and not negotiable. We must stand united as a community to insure that this simple rule is not whittled away. We must make sure that gays and lesbians have the right to openly serve in our military. We must make sure that job and housing discrimination is punished. And when neo-fascist religions try to codify into law their hatred and divisiveness, they must be exposed as the bigots and extremists that they are.

Patrick Tifer
San Francisco

United Way Support

I am writing to commend the United Way of Santa Clara County for its recent actions in support of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. The United Way's Board of Trustees recently adopted all of the recommendations of an ad hoc committee that examined community needs and their non-discrimination policy.

United Way is currently reviewing proposals for $200,000 in new funding specifically for our community. The money will create new services to deal with such important issues as substance abuse, youth services and mental health counseling. Some of the money is designated to go to lesbian, gay and bisexual organizations only.

United Way also adopted a strong non-discrimination policy which will deny funding to any member agency not in compliance by June 1994. This is an important and encouraging step, although the community should continue to watch United Way to insure that this policy is applied to the Boy Scouts.

I believe that the lesbian, gay and bisexual community should come forward to reward United Way for these steps. I plan to donate money for the first time this year.

If you live or work in Santa Clara County, please donate to United Way. You can designate that your money go to the Billy DeFrank Center, so that you can send an important message and support a gay organization at the same time.

Andrew Gans
County of Santa Clara Health Department

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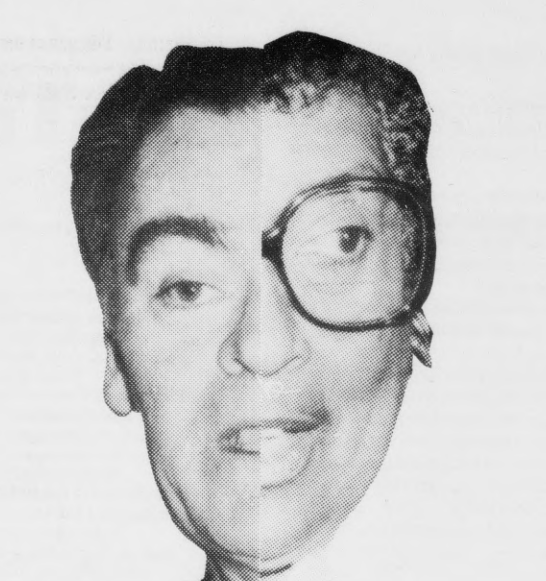

Kennedy Breaks Promise: Supports BofA Bigotry

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

Though Supervisor Willie Kennedy promised over and over again during the recent Board of Supervisors election to back the move to divest $6 million from Bank of America because of its support for the homophobic Boy Scouts, she was nowhere to be seen for the first vote, and went against queers on the second.

Roberta Achtenberg's resolution to divest $6 million from BofA was generally seen as a symbolic move, since it represented only a fraction of the $2.5 billion the City invests in the state's largest bank. Still, the bank, which once had a policy of not funding the Boy Scouts because of that organization's anti-gay policy, lobbied hard and fast to talk board members out of voting in favor of the resolution.

After the board passed the resolution, 7-3, on Dec. 21, Mayor Frank Jordan vetoed it three days later (on Christmas Eve), citing the "good" that the bank does in the San Francisco community. Thinking she had the eight votes she needed, Achtenberg brought the override to a vote at the Jan. 4 board meeting, the last one for retiring supervisor Harry Britt, a supporter of the resolution. Achtenberg believed Kennedy's vote was in the bag.

In her speech during the vote, Kennedy explained her change of heart: "The problems I have with this resolution…is that it seeks to punish a single company for a single act affecting a single group. It does not take into account the company's overall performance as a corporate citizen, nor does it set any standards of behavior that create a City policy that other companies can follow."

During the election campaign, Kennedy made a big issue of donating political contributions from BofA to the Black Coalition on AIDS. Her campaign brochure proclaimed that she "supports the boycott of Bank of America." At the same time, in a press statement released by her office, Kennedy said, "I vigorously support Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's move to divest city funds from Bank of America…Discrimination must never be tolerated."

Some discrimination apparently is acceptable to Supervisor Kennedy, however. And the rationale? "Do we need to examine the charitable contributions of all companies with whom the City and County does business, and penalize all of those who give contributions in ways that are inconsistent with our collective views as a Board of Supervisors?" Kennedy asked at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

"I have consistently supported legislation that defines and sets standards for how our City manages its business relationships over issues dealing with discrimination surrounding race, age, gender and sexual orientation," she told the board. Kennedy was the primary force a few years ago behind a similar divestment resolution aimed at South Africa.

The BofA vote was 7-3, with Kennedy, Bill Maher and Annemarie Conroy against the override. Tom Hsieh, who voted against the resolution, was excused from the meeting.

Contacted by *SF Bay Times* after the meeting, Kennedy's office said that she was not available for comment, as she was on vacation until the end of the month.

Said Achtenberg after the vote, "It was important for this city to say that we don't want to do all of our business with entities that yield to right-wing pressure."

It is widely believed that BofA changed its mind and decided to continue donating money to the Boy Scouts due to pressure from right-wing groups and individuals.

In its Jan. 8 statement on Kennedy's vote, Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA) wrote that Kennedy never before discussed the reasons she gave for voting against the resolution (see sidebar).

Gwenn Craig, co-chair of LGADDA, told *SF Bay Times* that her organization will meet on Jan. 21 to decide where to go on the Kennedy issue.

Two options are possible at this point, according to Craig: to meet with Kennedy and "continue some relationship," or, as some angrier members of LGADDA feel, "to declare the relationship irreconcilably ended."

LGADDA put a lot of time and effort into Kennedy's campaign, says Craig. "We felt we were quite prominent. We did our first round of street work on this campaign." The group, which is a little over a year old, was "out on the streets with endorsements cards and talking to people one-on-one," Craig says. "We discussed, more than anyone else, Willie Kennedy."

As for Kennedy's history on gay/lesbian issues, Craig says, "I don't think she's been interpreted

A Matter of Trust.

by the Steering Committee of Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA)

During the campaign for the November 1992 election of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA) was most active in our volunteer effort on behalf of the re-election of Supervisor Willie Kennedy. Our membership felt strongly that African-American representation on the board was critical to our community's participation in top city government and to our empowerment. We also feared that the loss of the lone African-American member on the board could lead to increased intercommunity tensions and break down efforts to create true coalition politics. But also being members of the lesbian and gay community, we recognized the need to ensure that an African-American member of the board was cognizant of and responsive to the needs and concerns of lesbian and gay San Franciscans.

We were already encouraged by our history with Supervisor Kennedy. When we sought to end the discriminatory practices of some businesses through enactment of the Card Check Law, Kennedy had reached out to us on this issue. Our initial impression was that she was open and responsive to our issues and to us as gay and lesbian people. We found ourselves beginning to build a relationship that seemed to promise a future of open communication and respect for one another's views.

During the campaign, Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg had raised the possibility of divesting city funds from Bank of America due to its decision to re-fund the Boy Scouts. So when Kennedy was asked at a candidates' forum how she would vote on Achtenberg's proposal, we were gratified to hear her respond—on the record—that she would support this divestment, and to liken it to her ordinance removing city funds from banks that invested in South Africa.

Kennedy went on to make this a preeminent issue in her campaign to attract lesbian and gay voters. LGADDA members turned out to distribute her literature in lesbian and gay gathering spots, proclaiming, among other lesbian and gay issues, how Kennedy "supports [the] boycott of Bank of America" and we proudly reminded those to whom we spoke how she had pledged her support for the city divestment from BofA at the candidate's forum.

Kennedy had also released a press statement during her campaign containing the following quote: "I vigorously support Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's move to divest city funds from Bank of America. In 1984, I forced the city to divest from South Africa because of its racist policies toward South African Blacks, so the decision to support the boycott and return the money was an easy one for me. Discrimination must never be tolerated."

We were disturbed when Kennedy missed the vote on the Achtenberg divestment resolution, but we all expected her to vote for an override when Mayor Jordan vetoed the measure, as was expected. But during our lobbying efforts to ensure her support of the override, we were shocked to learn that she was leaning toward supporting the mayor. Our shock turned to anger when Kennedy followed through and voted in opposition to her pledge to our organization and to our community on this matter.

None of the issues raised by Kennedy in her statement explaining her vote were ever raised when she was asked for her position during the campaign. Her support for this divestment measure had been unequivocal when she appeared before organizations or was interviewed by newspaper editorial boards, seeking their endorsement.

For us, more than anything else, this was an issue of trust.

We had trusted Kennedy to stand behind her campaign promises, and we subsequently sought to convince the lesbian and gay community that they could trust Kennedy to do the right thing on this issue and other issues related to sexual orientation discrimination. But her vote on the Achtenberg resolution leads to only one conclusion: She lied to us and lied to the lesbian and gay community in order to win our votes.

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in the past as a particular advocate.''

Though she voted in favor of gay/lesbian issues on occasion, ''Certain things along the way gave people pause,'' says Craig. ''The read on her was that she was a moderate.''

Contacted by *SF Bay Times* a week after the vote, Achtenberg had ''no statement at this point.'' She is not saying what her next move might be. As for the resolution, ''It has been deemed disapproved of by the City of San Francisco.''

Supervisor Terence Hallinan, a supporter of the resolution and the override, said in a press statement after the vote, ''The fact that not all members of the board... see this as a human rights issue worthy of actions similar to those we have taken against apartheid in South Africa is very troubling...It says that in some supervisors' minds, equal rights for gays and lesbians are not as important as for others.''

John Woods, founder of Queer Scouts, the group that first made an issue of Boy Scout discrimination, says his organization is ''still looking at options'' for responding to the mayor's veto and the override.

Woods says that Queer Scouts is targeting Jordan rather than Kennedy. ''I think she's proven that she can't be trusted,'' he says. Kennedy, who received the endorsement of LGADDA as well as 30 percent of the City's queer vote, ''casually dismisses her campaign promises,'' says Woods.

As for Jordan, Queer Scouts is submitting its list of demands for the mayor when he meets with members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. That meeting has been arranged through the *SF Sentinel*. Woods will not be at the meeting.

Woods feels the mayor is anxious to meet with queers at this time, because he wants to ''prevent any potential recall drive. He has so many other communities waiting to recall him.'' A recall effort has been under way since the mayoral election last year.

Woods' group is extremely interested in that growing recall effort. But for now, ''It's a wait-and-see situation,'' he says. ✿

Community Leaders Discuss Achtenberg's Future

by Tim Kingston

The continuing rumors about Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's future in the Clinton administration sidetracked a Jan. 12 meeting originally called to discuss the sorry state of relations between Mayor Jordan and the lesbian /gay/bisexual community.

Jean Harris, Jordan's liaison to the community, who organized the Jan. 12 meeting, says she called the meeting to discuss the Boy Scouts homophobia and Jordan's veto of the Bank of America boycott so that an agenda could be prepared for the conference between the Mayor and gay/lesbian leaders slated for Jan. 26. Harris invited leaders of the three gay/lesbian democratic clubs: Stonewall, Alice B. Toklas and Harvey Milk, and representatives of Queer Scouts and Forgotten Scouts. Also present at the meeting were Roma Guy of the Women's Building; Ken Jones, director of the Stop AIDS Project; and Nancy Kitz and T.J. Anthony of Supervisor Barbara Kaufman's office.

However, what really caught the attention of the assembled activists and community leaders was what to do about Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors—if President-elect Clinton taps her for a spot in the new administration. Ken Jones, director of the Stop AIDS Project said the whole discussion was rather strange: ''We did not have the information we needed. She may be offered a position in the Clinton Administration, and she may not. She may accept and she may not.''

Contributing to the confusion and general lack of information was the fact that neither Achtenberg nor any representatives from her office had been invited to the meeting. When asked for information about the meeting, Achtenberg staffers said they were ''not aware of the meeting.'' Achtenberg was not available for comment.

Even with the limited information available, gay/lesbian community leaders and activists believe it is essential to have their demands on the table to present to the Mayor if Achtenberg does leave. On one side is the Stonewall and Alice B. Tolkas gay/lesbian democratic clubs, who want to ensure the seat is reserved for a gay or lesbian supervisor.

On the other side is the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and Transgender Civil Rights, which argues that the needs of the Latino community need to be taken into account, particularly in the light of ex-Supervisor Gonzalez's removal. ''If she does leave,'' says Ken McPherson of Forgotten Scouts, who was at the meeting, ''What we should do is use that as an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the Latino community. The gay clubs are going to the Latino clubs saying we want to get together and talk with talented Latinos and Latinas that are gay.''

While efforts were made within the confines of the meeting to address issues of concern to people of color, both the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) and Lesbians and Gays of African American Descent for Democratic Action (LAGADDA)—the people of color democratic club that broke from the Harvey Milk Club—say they were not contacted by Harris.

''LAGADDA has tried to make a point in our existence that lesbians and gay people of color are an important part of this community,'' says Gwenn Craig of LAGADDA, ''and it is a real slap in the face if you don't invite LAGADDA.''

Harris says that the meeting was organized on very short notice as a way for the Mayor's office to respond to charges that Jordan has betrayed the lesbian/gay community. At the next group meeting scheduled for Jan. 18, Harris promises that the list of those invited will be more inclusive. ✿

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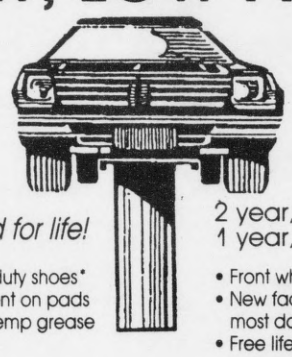

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Jumping the Bandwagon: The Love Train Doesn't Stop in Colorado

by Val C. Phoenix

k.d. lang is appalled. Madonna would not be caught dressed in the area. David Geffen is missing in action. And Melissa Etheridge is out of there. What's all the fussing about? Why, it's that pesky boycott of Colorado, surely the most controversial strategy being employed to punish the state for voting in favor of Amendment 2.

Since the passage of Amendment 2 and subsequent boycott of the state, anti-amendment forces have been in a race to line up celebrity support behind the boycott. Boycott supporter Phil Lobel says, "We have economic clout, and we will not participate in a state which has made discrimination legal and a part of the Constitution." David Smith adds, "Support is growing, as more information gets out."

While Boycott Colorado, Inc. organizes from within the state, gay public relations professionals are conducting a veritable fax orgy on behalf of the boycott movement in Hollywood. At the forefront of this effort are Smith, executive director of GLAAD/LA, and Lobel, who works for a Hollywood-based PR firm and is one of the founders of COFFIN (Coloradans and Californians For Fairness In the Nation), which called for a boycott the day after the election.

All told, they have sent out hundreds of faxes to publicists, entertainment producers and moguls requesting endorsements of a blanket boycott, which means not traveling to the state, canceling meetings and conventions, not vacationing there, and not shooting motion pictures or television shows there until Amendment 2 is repealed. The effort has thus far garnered endorsements from Barbra Streisand (whose Nov. 18 speech galvanized the movement), Whoopi Goldberg, Jonathan Demme, Joan Rivers, John Landis, Shelley Winters, Kathy Najimy, Sally Kirkland, Nora Ephron, Lily Tomlin and Armistead Maupin, among others.

Newcomers include pop stars Madonna and Melissa Etheridge. Speaking to the *New York Times* syndicate for a forthcoming interview, Madonna says, "I support the boycott totally, and I am not going to Colorado until [the law] is changed."

In a statement released to *SF Bay Times*, Melissa Etheridge joined the boycott, castigating the measure's trampling of human rights. "The politics of hate have no place in our society. If we do not oppose this amendment, which denies full and equal protection under the law, whose rights will go next?" Etheridge had earlier pulled out of a scheduled performance in Aspen. Mark Graham, of her management group, says the singer is also "endorsing the boycott in terms of her personal activity."

Speaking on behalf of Lily Tomlin, Evvie, head of the actress' business affairs, says, "It's scary to realize the depth of emotion that goes into legislating away rights. We think it's very frightening."

Appearing on the *Arsenio Hall Show* Jan. 4, lang said she couldn't believe gay rights were up for grabs, calling it ridiculous. "I'm *appalled*." As for boycotting, lang didn't tip her hand, saying, "I don't really know. I think that people just have to do what they believe is right individually [and] hopefully make a change." Her manager, Larry Wanagas, said the singer hadn't apprised him of her personal position on the matter. "I know she must have an opinion, but I wouldn't want to put words in her mouth on such an important issue," he said.

Steve Jensen, a gay man who co-owns a public relations firm, says he supports the boycott and would like to see the entertainment industry as a whole support it. "People pay attention to what people who are high profile say. It makes people sit up and listen. If Barbra Streisand says 'boycott,' it has a greater effect even than what the chairman of Bank of America says."

Says Smith, "Clearly the entertainment industry is an opinion leader in the country and helps inform our culture. A lot of attention has been on celebrities who endorse, but the issue is that they're endorsing a boycott and making a very strong statement."

However, many celebrities who have endorsed have made no further comment. Those public figures who have taken a stand are well outnumbered by those who have said and done nothing regarding the loss of rights incurred by at least 10 percent of the population of Colorado.

Says Lobel, "These are entertainers. They're not at their best at handling political situations. It would be nice if they all had prepared statements, but probably that's expecting too much. I'm grateful for small favors."

Jensen allows that many in the industry "probably wish [the boycott] would go away. Yet, other people go along with it because it's the hip thing to do."

However, if the pro-boycott forces get their way, the public will be roused to action. Lobel is working all the angles of popular persuasion: an ad campaign for the legal team CLIP ("Bury the politics of hate"), newsprint and radio ads, and a TV spot. "When Barbra Streisand said, 'We must not play where they discriminate,' those eight words got more attention than any organization could have generated. It's that kind of visibility that we hope to generate."

BOYCOTT OPPOSITION

Opposition in Hollywood to a boycott is organizing, too. A full-page ad was placed in the Jan. 4 *Daily Variety* by actor Raymond Burr and about 60 cast and crew from several productions filming in Colorado. The ad decried Amendment 2, but urged Hollywood not to support the boycott. The ad states, "discrimination is wrong, legalized discrimination is worse." Burr has just completed an *Ironside* reunion TV movie in Denver, where he films many projects and keeps an apartment. Herb Caen noted a recent visit to SF by the unmarried actor and his "companion."

Also opposing a boycott is the Screen Actors' Guild, which voted as a body last weekend not to endorse the boycott. Says Jan Williams of Boycott Colorado, Inc., "I was very disappointed by it. I think they wanted to protect against a loss of income for members, but individually we expect more to endorse." He said his group had received many calls from actors inquiring about the language of the amendment. "They're shocked when they read that no person can claim discrimination."

Still, large corporations are remaining mum about the call for a boycott. MCA, Inc., which owns MCA/Universal and was the first studio to provide health coverage for domestic partners of gay employees—which it announced with a flurry of self-congratulation last spring—has nothing to say about the boycott. A corporate vice president says simply, "We're refraining from commenting on that issue." Sony Pictures and ABC did not return phone calls from *SF Bay Times*.

Madonna helps make the Colorado boycott go deeper and deeper.

DAMAGE CONTROL IN COLORADO

Nor is the film industry in Colorado standing idly by as the boycott gathers steam. Michael Klein, executive director of the Colorado Motion Picture and Television Commission, a state agency, says the commission has received many inquiries about the amendment, but has only lost one project so far.

This was the Laurel Entertainment TV production of Stephen King's novel *The Stand*, which trying to repeal the amendment."

Klein made his case to the Association of Independent Commercial Producers when the group convened in Denver last weekend, in part to scope out the social climate. Klein says, "People who've chosen to come to Colorado have a very different perspective from people who have never come and choose to boycott." The AICP met with Gov. Roy Romer and read copies of the three city ordinances that were overturned, as well as Amendment 2. Says Klein, "After 15 minutes of debate, they realized they couldn't figure out what it said." He doesn't expect the group to boycott. "I think it's gonna be clear that they oppose Amendment 2, but I think the question is how you go about it."

QUEER SILENCE

Amidst this controversy has been a heavy dose of silence from some queer heavy-hitters, namely moguls Barry Diller and David Geffen. Richard Jennings of Hollywood Supports, which works to end homophobia and AIDS-phobia within the film industry, says, "I've had discussions with the higher-ups." Hollywood Supports has not endorsed the boycott, though, since "the board of 126 people is at different levels of being involved with the issues." He adds, "I'm surprised at Diller's lack of a statement, since he's one of the people who is trying to lead the industry in a more positive way."

Yet, Jennings feels some industry leaders may be wary of jumping on a leaderless train. "Absent more widespread national support," they may shy away from "controversial issues," he says. Jennings supports the boycott and hopes to influence others. "I've had heated conversations with people who've taken awhile to get it—and that includes leaders in our community." The national lobbies Human Rights Campaign Fund and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force endorsed the boycott Dec. 22. "I think people in the industry feel fairly bruised that they were the ones being asked to take stands before known organizations took stands. I think it's picking up steam, though," he adds.

Perhaps the key operational word here is "self-interest," as Hollywood is a town driven by profits and egos. Commenting on the great Aspen debate, Boze Hadleigh, author of *The Lavender Screen*, uses MCA head Mike Ovitz as an example. "Mike Ovitz took Barbra Streisand to task [for calling for a boycott]. He has a house in Aspen. People like Ovitz don't mind going to a charity event, but when it comes close to home, they back off. For the top people, the bottom line is always money. People like Mike Ovitz say, 'We're pro-gay, but...' "

FOR THE RECORD

Similar thinking is at work in the record industry, where, says Hadleigh, "They are nervous. They want to be pro-gay because it's good for business, but then the other side comes back and they're caught."

Steve Jensen, who handles the B-52s, Joe Jackson and Seal, among others, says his artists all support the boycott. "As an agency, we won't let our artists play Colorado unless it's for a benefit to overturn the amendment."

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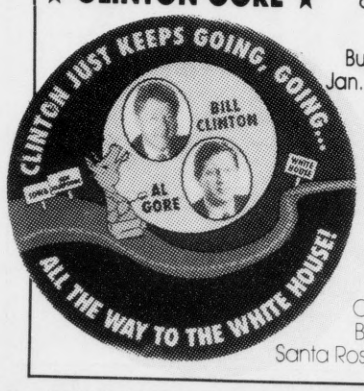

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Not surprisingly, Klein wants to squelch a film boycott, arguing it really doesn't hurt the state anyway. "Over the last four years, the state averaged $28 million in terms of an actual dollar count of film production. In the overall state economy, that's not going to cripple the state, but it'll demolish the entertainment industry... greatly diminishing the energies and numbers of people executive director, Tim Rosta, who is gay, wholeheartedly supports the boycott. The group follows tours dispensing safer sex information, a function it will continue anytime, anywhere. Rosta says, though, that "I'm not looking to do any fundraisers in Colorado." He pointed out that the American Foundation for AIDS Research did cancel a benefit in Colorado and joined the boycott. In turn, SF resident Jim Hormel, openly gay Democratic Party activist and heir to the Hormel fortune, reimbursed the group for the $250,000 it lost.

Warner Brothers, owned by Time-Warner, which was burned by a police-sponsored boycott over Ice T's "Cop Killer," now finds itself on the other side as its artists speak out against Amendment 2. Sire Records, a subsidiary of WB whose roster includes k.d. lang, Morrissey and Madonna, is a prime candidate to support the boycott.

Behind the scenes at WB are many gay executives, two of whom spoke with *SF Bay Times* about the boycott. Howie Klein, general manager of Sire, at first declined to be quoted, saying the company had no policy. "You want to talk to Craig Kostich. He's Mr. Gay Activist here." Klein later said since the company is publicly owned, "it's difficult to get any kind of position. It comes down to individuals at the company. To say we're sympathetic to the goals of the boycott is ludicrous. We were all outraged at Colorado." Nevertheless, he states, "At Sire, we have Warner Bros. who sets policy, and they have Time-Warner policy." Any kind of a policy statement "has to come from the higher-ups who own us."

Klein says he had talked with artists about the measure. "I initiated it in some cases, and the artist initiated it in some cases." He stops short of endorsing a boycott. "There's some argument inside our own community as to whether we're punishing the places that have been supportive." Nevertheless, he says if the company mandated a boycott, "I'd probably go along with it."

Craig Kostich (aka Mr. Gay Activist), Vice President of Contemporary Music for Warner Bros., the parent company of Sire, says he favors a boycott and that discussions had gone on behind the scenes among gay executives after Amendment 2 passed. "Nobody's closeted here." In fact, he says, the measure's passage has brought up other questions about company policy, "with regard to health benefits for gay and lesbian spouses. MCA and other companies have that."

Regarding a boycott, Kostich doesn't see too much happening. "As far as selling music, I don't think we're gonna stop doing that. Touring is the individual responsibility of each of the bands. I would think you wouldn't see k.d. lang going there, but I don't know. We don't control where they tour."

On the other hand, "as an executive working in marketing and promotion, I would discourage any groups from touring there. I could supply materials so that they have a clear understanding of the issues, particularly the English acts."

Kostich disavows any responsibility to the gay community. "It comes down to the artist. We manufacture and promote and distribute the artists' works whether they're gay or straight. If there's a gay artist and however many gay people in Colorado, that's kind of a disservice to the gay community not to promote it there." He complains, "It makes me sound like an opportunist record seller if I say we still wanna sell their records there."

Contrary to Klein, Kostich says the final say for Sire would be Klein and company president Seymour Stein, who is also gay. "Sire's views are independent [of Time-Warner]. It comes from whatever Seymour or Howie has to say." Neither Klein nor Kostich say they would take up the issue of a boycott with the corporate giant.

The Geffen Company had considerably less to say. David Geffen's publicist didn't return phone calls, though the company's press office is "sure he has an opinion on it." Geffen, who gave $20,000 to the No on 2 effort, came out in November as a gay man.

Outside of the strictures of corporate rock, some bands are finding ways to be supportive without boycotting. Bay Area landmark The Grateful Dead, for instance, kept a date in Colorado booked prior to the election and made a donation to CLIP, which is fighting to overturn the amendment. Dennis McNally, the group's publicist, explained that several shows had been canceled due to illness, and that most Deadheads came from cities which had opposed the measure.

"Under the circumstances," says McNally, "we didn't feel inclined to go along with a boycott." He doesn't rule out a boycott in the future, adding that the band is not booked in Colorado in 1993. "There's a lot of opinion within the band to boycott. I was startled by the vehemence of the comments against Amendment 2."

Attitudes may be hardening within the state, as well. Polls indicate that the boycott is not changing anyone's mind and that Coloradans resent outside pressure. Williams pooh-poohs that sentiment. "Whenever anyone of notoriety comes out and supports something, that has labeled it a 'Hollywood boycott.' It's very broad-based." Smith chimes in that all sorts of means are being explored to rid the state of the amendment, but that "The boycott unleashed energy in the state."

Gregory King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, says, "the results are primarily useful as an educational tool. I think it's proving to be a great success. The national media is giving attention to the fact that the far right has distorted the issue of lesbian and gay rights and attempted to portray them as 'special rights.' I think more Americans are aware of that."

Smith declares, "The time for educating is over. It's time for real strong action. I can't imagine anybody not realizing that. When is it gonna be time? How much more educating do we have to do to stop the violence and bigotry?"

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Nothing in my '60s education prepared me for the humiliation that was to follow when I moved away from home. It is a sad tale of marred innocence. Yes, it's true—I did not understand the dynamics of gas cooking. I can remember it as if it were only yesterday. I moved into this apartment on the smart north side of Chicago. It was Friday night. I had a date. I hurried home, threw a pot pie into the gas oven and took a shower.

When I finished my shower, the pot pie was still cold. What a puzzlement! So I lit a match to light the oven. FLASH! The oven lit me! I don't recommend this method for drying off after a shower to any of you home-ec majors out there. Anyway, my come hither eyelashes were gone! Gone! My hairline receded two inches in two seconds! My nose was bright red! It's a good thing I had put on fresh undershorts! Never mind that I lived to tell the story. Imagine the toll on my twenty-something vanity. How do you explain not having any eyebrows on a first date if you are not a drag queen?

Several times in my illustrious career I have prepared egg surprise. What! You have not heard of this delicacy? Well, you place eggs in a pan and cover the eggs with water. You place them on a burner and forget about them—this is where the surprise comes in. Eventually, you will hear the crackle-crackle of sizzling egg shells in a burning hot and very dry pan. Of course, this will remind you that water boils and evaporates completely if left on a hot burner unattended. If you make the mistake of adding more water to the already overheated pan full of hot eggs (which you will each time you do this) you will get your surprise! Exploding eggs all over the ceiling, walls, cabinets, counter and floor! And the smell will remind you of very sloppy, embarrassing sex!

In order to save time, I once placed a plastic bottle of syrup into my microwave to warm up for my Belgian waffles. The plastic container inflated like a balloon and exploded, leaving a rich, generous coating of brown, sticky muck all over the inside of the microwave. I understand (though I have never tried it) that one can get an even bigger bang from leaving a piece of metal in the microwave while nuking food stuff. One friend admitted to having his microwave door fly across the room just because he left a spoon in his cereal bowl!

Before we leave the kitchen from hell, let's explore my technique for wake-up-the-dead coffee. It is very simple. This is a brew of molasses-like consistency that can only be achieved by turning on Mr. Coffee and ignoring him all together. And what would any self-respecting queen do when completely ignored? Mr. Thing will get your attention by producing a brew so strong that the brew is guaranteed to make the hair in your nostrils grow noticeably longer.

I have a fondness for switches that say on, off, play, stop. The complexity of blinking lights, little knobs, levers, buttons and dials which adorn most electronic adult playthings makes my eyes glaze over and my alpha waves tilt. For instance, I don't know why my double-deck cassette player won't record while I play a cassette. Programming my VCR is out of the question. And Goddess only knows of what magical feats my computer is capable. I know my computer is good at making weeks of work disappear in less than a New York second.

One way of getting around admitting that you don't understand what you are doing in this technical society is to blame equipment failure on the earthquakes, feign disdain for modern-day technology, and pretend you are a back-to-nature sort of guy. If you think people won't laugh, you could always claim to be too butch to cook or play with little buttons. But only certain straight women and nelly queens want to hear that bullshit anymore.

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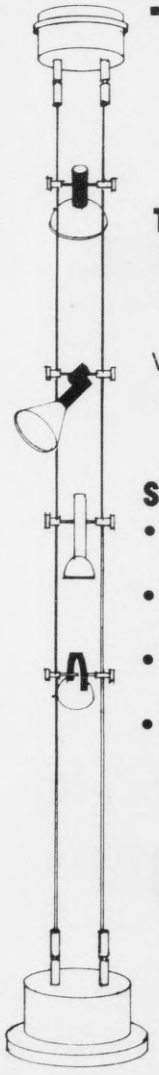

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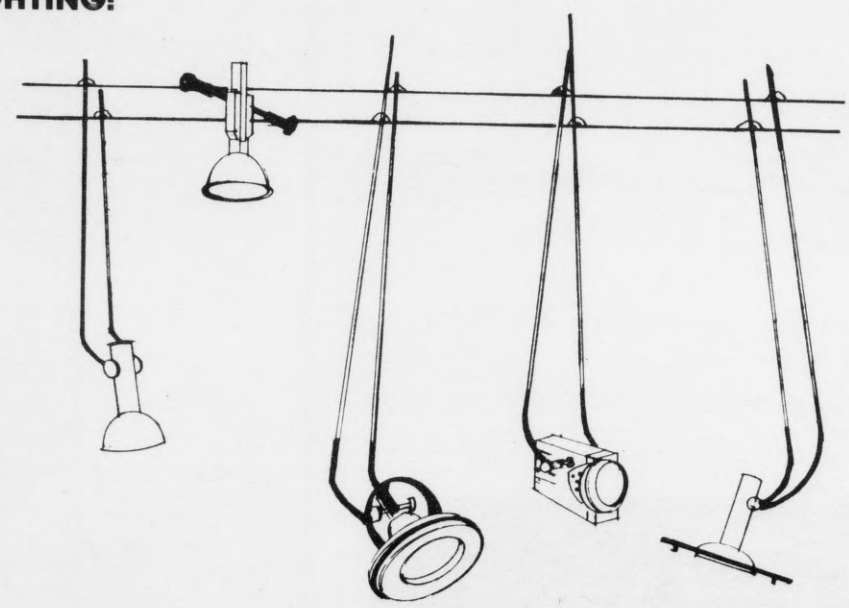

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AIDS Treatment in Cuba: Socialism or Barbarism?

by Paige Bierma

One of Cuba's most controversial practices—the interning of all HIV-positive people in special AIDS hospitals—was defended in San Francisco this month by two Cubans who are required to live in that country's sanitorium system.

Dr. Juan Carlos de la Concepcion and Raul Llanos, both gay Cubans who tested positive for the HIV virus in 1986, have challenged those in the gay community who would attack Cuba's sanitorium policy as a violation of human rights. The two are on a speaking tour this month sponsored by San Francisco General Hospital, the Shanti Project and several Bay Area universities.

BEING HIV-POSITIVE IN CUBA

"When I first entered the sanitorium, it was horrible. I went in and I thought I was never going to leave," says de la Concepcion, who entered the sanitorium the same year he graduated from the University of Havana's medical school. De la Concepcion and LLanos say the system is much more liberal today and they credit the sanitorium policy with helping to prevent the epidemic levels of AIDS other countries have experienced.

"It was very different then than it is now. In 1986, people still thought the virus could be transmitted by mosquitos and casual social contact. You practically never got to leave the sanitorium," says de la Concepcion.

Today patients leave on weekend passes—some chaperoned, some not—and de la Concepcion predicts that the continuing liberalization inside the sanitoriums will soon lead to patients being given the choice to work and live on the outside.

"From the medical point of view, we are given everything [for free]: the best medical and psychiatric treatment, better housing and food than most Cubans enjoy... but feeling as though you are forced to stay takes away from all of the advantages. It's the only bad thing," de la Concepcion says.

"But I have to recognize that the sanitorium system has been fundamental to controlling the spread of AIDS in Cuba," he adds.

Cuba has 863 documented cases of HIV-positive people, including 85 fatalities. With 159 reported cases of full-blown AIDS in Cuba's population of almost 11 million, compared to 242,146 cases in the United States, the ratio of documented AIDS cases to the population is about 70 times higher in the United States.

Aside from the sanitorium system, de la Concepcion and Llanos credit Cuba's testing policies and education programs with helping to control the disease. All blood donors, pregnant women, employees who work in Cuba's tourist industry and Cubans who have been abroad for more than three months are routinely tested for the HIV virus, according to Llanos.

De la Concepcion and Llanos founded Cuba's AIDS Prevention Group (made up of sanitorium patients and staff) and are both active in government AIDS education and safe sex projects.

"It is evident that the spread of the disease is not growing geometrically in Cuba but arithmetically," asserts Llanos, who works in the sanitorium as an accountant. In 1986, 99 Cubans tested positive for HIV; 75 in 1987; 93 in 1988; 121 in 1989; 140 in 1990; 183 in 1991; 152 in 1992.

BAY AREA AIDS ACTIVISTS GET A WORD IN

But not all patients are as uncritical of the sanitorium as de la Concepcion and Llanos, according to Cuban American Jorge Cortinas, who spent three months in Cuba working with the government on AIDS education projects last summer.

"On the one hand, you have people like Juan Carlos and Raul who I think go to great pains to put into context their concerns with the sanitorium. I think they both love their country very much and they have excellent points. It's impossible to maintain a kind of knee-jerk anti-Communist position about the sanitoriums after talking to them," maintains Cortinas, who is working on a masters' degree in public health at UC Berkeley.

"On the other hand, there are people in the sanitorium whose criticism is much more what we would expect. They are very appreciative of the access to medical care, of the food and housing they receive, and very aware that that would not be the case in any other country in the world. But, they say, 'If I'm healthy and I haven't committed any crime, then why can't I work and live at home?' " Cortinas says.

Like Abel, for example, a 26-year-old gay dancer whom Cortinas befriended in Cuba.

"Abel tested positive in 1986 when he donated blood for his mother's operation. He had heard very little about AIDS before that, only that it was an epidemic in the United States, and then someone from state security came to his house, picked him up and took him to the sanitorium," Cortinas says.

Likewise, ACT UP-San Francisco member Lisa Roth says that, while she supports the Cuban revolution, she thinks it is important to be critical of the sanitorium system.

> *"Where really is there a violation of human rights—in a country where [AIDS patients] have no medicine, housing or food and die on the streets? Or in Cuba, where all of this is provided free?"*

"Even if you leave aside the moral and humanitarian issues of limiting people's freedom—and I don't think we should leave them aside—the sanitorium policy is ineffective and dangerous," Roth declares. The knowledge in Cuba that testing positive for the HIV virus will land you in a sanitorium very likely forces people underground, she says.

"Also, separating people who are HIV-positive from the rest of the population can lead to disaster. It promotes the erroneous view that the rest of the population is safe because all of the HIV-positive people are in the sanitorium and therefore that the majority of people don't have to practice safe sex," Roth says. "In fact, just the opposite is true: If everybody practiced safe sex, then you wouldn't have to lock up anybody."

BUT IS THE U.S. ANY BETTER?

While de la Concepcion and Llanos have tried to avoid commenting on the United States' AIDS treatment programs during their visit, the argument is inevitable when the two are attacked on the question of human rights.

"Where really is there a violation of human rights—in a country where [AIDS patients] have no medicine, housing or food and die on the streets? Or in Cuba, where all of this is provided free?" de la Concepcion asks.

The fact that the 33-year United States embargo of Cuba keeps the sanitorium from getting badly-needed vitamins and makes AZT three times more expensive for the Cuban government, no doubt makes American criticism a bitter pill to swallow.

AZT costs the Cuban government about $18,000 a year per patient, compared to $6,000 a year in the United States. Nevertheless, de la Concepcion says, the drug is provided for about half of Cuba's HIV-positive population, while the rest receive other drugs.

"Cubans have a little bit different evaluation of what human rights are than people in this country. The first human right in Cuba is to live, and to live with dignity," Llanos adds.

"I know that somewhere in this world a cure for AIDS is going to appear. I imagine it's going to be very expensive and whoever discovers it is going to become a millionaire. The security that those of us who are HIV-positive in Cuba have is that the state is going to buy that medicine for us," de la Concepcion declares. ✿

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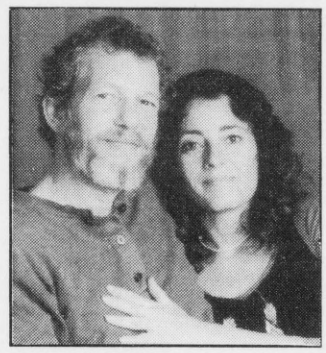

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Southern Leadership Joins Colorado Boycott

DENVER - The Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists are the latest groups to join the growing list of organizations and media personalities who won't be going to Colorado until the state rescinds its new anti-gay/lesbian/bisexual law.

That law, Amendment 2, which passed in November and is currently under appeal in the courts, prohibits gay/lesbian/bisexual rights laws throughout the state and nullifies those that exist in Aspen, Boulder and Denver.

Already the state has lost millions in convention and tourism revenue due to the law, which will go into effect in mid-January unless a court injunction is granted. That injunction was filed for by the complainants in the case. Colorado for Family Values, the group responsible for Amendment 2, wants in on the case, too, because it does not believe the governor and the attorney general will adequately defend its bigoted law.

On the legislative front, State Sen. Regis Groff (D-Denver) and State House Minority Leader Sam Williams (D-Breckenridge) plan to introduce resolutions to rescind Amendment 2. And a host of other Colorado legislators plan compromise bills to water down Amendment 2, but not repeal it.

In San Francisco, the progressive Glide Memorial Church has announced that it will not participate in the annual conference of the United Methodist Church, because it is being held in Colorado. The Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor, made the announcement at the church's Jan. 10 service. Glide is one of the largest United Methodist churches in the nation.

Violence Increases in Colorado

COLORADO SPRINGS - A brutal attack against a therapist who was against Amendment 2 is the latest incident of anti-queer violence in a state that has legislated hate.

Ruth Williams, 48, was knocked unconscious, crosses were cut into her hand and clothing, and she was sprayed with tear gas and mace. Her walls were spray painted with "Seek God," "Repent," and "Stop Evil."

Williams' crime? She had a bumper sticker on her car that read "Celebrate Diversity." She never made any public statements about the anti-queer law. But the bumper sticker was excuse enough to provoke her attackers.

The incident is just the tip of a growing iceberg. "Virtually everyone who has written a letter to the editor or made a public statement has gotten hate calls," said Amy Divine, a member of Citizens Project, a group that monitors the religious right.

Threats of violence and hate calls are not the only problem. Add murder to the list. The four gay men who have turned up dead in the Capitol Hill area of Denver since February 1992 may have been murdered by separate killers, according to the latest police findings. Said Detective Bill Fairchild, "The more we look, the more we're convinced they're not connected."

Meanwhile, the Colorado Alliance to Restore Equality has formed to "undo Amendment 2 by legal and political action and to undo the harm Amendment 2 has caused to Colorado." The group of business people, civic leaders and queers will raise funds for the rescind 2 effort.

Angie Fa is sworn in as a new School Boardmember at Aptos Middle School with Hon. Harry G. Britt and Hon. Julie Tang on Jan 7. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

A Scab Is a Scab?

ATLANTA - Former president Jimmy Carter will go to Aspen, Colo., for an auction that benefits his Atlanta Project, despite a boycott called by gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders and organizations to protest Amendment 2.

"I agree with the mayor of Aspen, who said that when we had racial troubles in the South, people didn't boycott us, they came and tried to help," said the man who during his term in office let queer leaders into the White House. "I think this will help the people fighting the law."

Know Your Enemy

COLORADO - Just in case you were wondering, here's a handy list of names and addresses of Colorado for Family Values members who gave us Amendment 2.

Advisory board: U.S. Sen. Bill Armstrong, 11 Carriage La., Littleton, CO 80191; Coach Bill McCartney, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80302; Randy Hicks, 8117 Summer Fest Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919; Waller A. Hurt, 1400 Little Baldy Dr., #353, Fair Play, CO 80440; Mary Ellen Irwin, 4615 North Park Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80916; Leon Kelly, 2937 Fillmore, Denver, CO 80205; Bert Nelson, 8995 S. 136th Ave., Brighton, CO 80601; David Noebel, 928 Osage Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829; John Rodwick, 5135 Golden Hills Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80919; and Jayne Schinder, 8383 E. 123rd Ave., Brighton, CO 80601.

Founders: Kevin Tebedo, 1119 Fosdick Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919; and Tony Marco, 6110 Golden Hills, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Anti-Boycott Folks Organize

COLORADO SPRINGS - Joseph Nee is getting together a group of folks who want to boycott the boycotters. That's right, they want to target celebrities like Barbra Streisand, who are taking Colorado off their list of vacation spots because of Amendment 2.

"We are just average Coloradans who don't like the way our votes are being threatened, or the way this state is getting abused," said Nee.

Nee's effort joins We the People, the group started by Monument resident Douglas Briggman, who wants to recall Gov. Roy Romer for his stance against Amendment 2. Stay tuned; it's going to be a bumpy ride.

Meanwhile, a recent poll of Coloradans by the *Denver Post-News* showed that more than half (56 percent) think queers hurt their cause by calling for a boycott. It also found that 94 percent have not changed their minds at all about Amendment 2.

"Now they're being called bigots and they resent that," said one pollster. The truth hurts, doesn't it?

GLAAD Promotes Lesbian Visibility

SAN FRANCISCO - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Lesbian Visibility Task Force is hard at work on ways to make lesbians more visible in the world.

As part of this effort, the group now has four billboards in San Francisco and 12 in Los Angeles that feature an interracial lesbian couple with the heading "Another Traditional Family." Trish McDermott, Lesbian Visibility project director for GLAAD/SF Bay Area, says that the response has been mixed.

McDermott reports "some threats and hate calls, a series of which were directed at me." But there's also been positive response, even from heterosexuals. "A lot of women are happy to see lesbians so prevalent and forward in the media," she says.

The group has a lot of other plans to increase lesbian visibility, including a print campaign in magazines across the country, a documentary, becoming a clearinghouse for the media for lesbians, making sure that the Clinton administration hears the voice of lesbians as well as gay men, and pressuring queer media to use the phrase "gay/lesbian" instead of just "gay."

"Lesbians remain largely invisible in the media," says McDermott. "We intend to market our very existence to the general public and believe that this type of visibility will ultimately lead to greater recognition and understanding." Since the group has little money, contributions are welcomed, she says.

The Visibility project meets the third Sunday of every month, 514 Castro St, Suite B, at 7 pm.

Wisconsin Lesbian Legislator Is a First

MADISON - Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin's first lesbian state representative, says that AIDS and domestic partnership legislation are primary concerns of hers.

"A number of people who I worked closely with or cared deeply about have died of AIDS," the 30-year-old Dane County attorney said.

As for the gay/lesbian rights front, Baldwin said that the next step is "putting forth a domestic partnership ordinance that recognized committed relationships." Wisconsin already has a statewide gay/lesbian rights law, sponsored by the state's first gay male legislator, David Clarenbach.

"What I hope to do as a freshman legislator is educate my colleagues, particularly on the domestic partnership issue," she said.

Dinkins Says 'We Are Family'

NEW YORK - Mayor David Dinkins signed an executive order on Jan. 7 that allows unmarried couples, including queers, to be legally recognized as domestic partners.

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Though Dinkins does not have the authority to extend health benefits to domestic partners, he does support legislation before the City Council that would do just that.

The mayor of the Big Apple also signed an order continuing bereavement leave to those who are registered with the personnel department as domestic partners.

Fundies Pissed When Gays Win

LEWISTON - The City Council in this Maine city passed a gay rights bill, much to the chagrin of the local fundies, who are promising a referendum fight on the measure.

The bill, which outlaws discrimination in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations, doesn't "represent the will of the people, but rather the will of the minority," said Paul Madore, who heads a group called All Catholics for Truth.

Meanwhile, Carl Kellogg of Grand Rapids is drafting a petition to stop Michigan from passing a gay rights bill. He also wants to repeal those already existing in Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Detroit, Saginaw and Flint as well as Ingham and Wayne counties.

Spear Made Prez of Senate

MINNEAPOLIS - State Sen. Allan Spear (D-Minn.) was elected president of the Minnesota Senate on Jan. 5, the opening day of the Minnesota legislative session. He becomes the first out gay person to be elected to such a position.

Spear was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1972. He came out as a gay man in 1974 and has been easily re-elected six times. He is a founding member of the National Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials.

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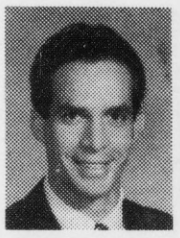

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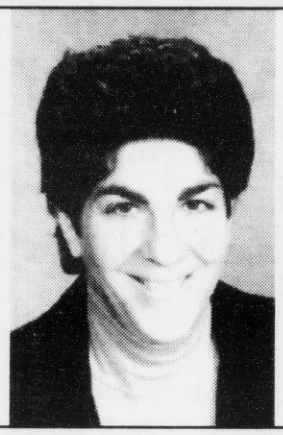

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was chosen as the nominee of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor caucus, which controls the Senate. He defeated a conservative who is a leading opponent of gay/lesbian rights and freedom of choice.

Said Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe: "Sen. Spear was elected president of the Senate by virtue of the fact that he is one of the most respected members of the Senate. He is eminently fair."

Military Will Return To "Normal"

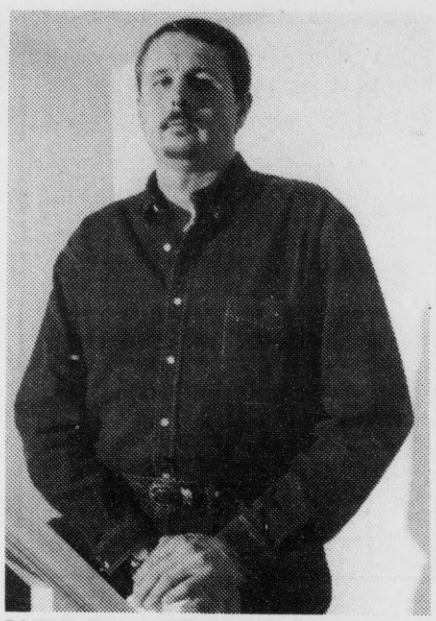
BOSTON - Alyson Publications' new author, Jim Holobaugh, the ROTC cadet expelled for being gay, says that after President Bill Clinton rescinds the ban on queers in the military, "the big news will be how quickly everything returns to normal."

Holobaugh, whose story will be told in *Torn Allegiances: The Story of a Gay Cadet*, believes "there will not be a mass coming-out of lesbians and gay men in the service. For the most part, those who feel they'd be accepted by their peers are already out, on some level. Those who feel they'd be harassed if they came out will remain invisible, even after the policy changes."

Though the military initially demanded that Holobaugh repay his $35,000 scholarship, protests following his ouster convinced the ROTC otherwise and they backed down.

Polls on Military Ban Differ

CHARLESTON - Though other polls have shown the opposite result, a West Virginia survey of state residents says that they are 56 percent against gays and lesbians in the military.



Ed Wolf, the new HIV Program Director at MCC Church, was installed as a lay staffperson on Jan. 10. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

The telephone poll of 403 adults between Nov. 30 and Dec. 3 found that men are more likely to oppose queers in the military, and college grads are more likely to approve.

Interestingly enough, those surveyed favor, by 52 percent, sending women into combat.

Sue Bierman was surrounded by friends and family as she celebrated her official seating on the Board of Supervisors with a party at Delancey Street on Jan. 8. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Transsexuals Not Welcomed

MINNEAPOLIS - Alleging that they are the victims of misconduct and discrimination at two University of Minnesota clinics, transsexuals began meeting with Dr. Eli Coleman, director of the Program in Human Sexuality (PHS). The Program, which sees a large number of transsexuals, is 20 years old. Dr. Sharon Satterfield, the former director of Gender Dysphoria Program, one of the PHS clinics, said that she was ordered to stop seeing patients at the clinic. She was told to see them at PHS instead, a place many transsexuals dislike. Transsexuals claim that, among other things, PHS doctors breached confidentiality, abused or neglected patients and refused to accept medical assistance patients.

Coleman denied that there is mistreatment or discrimination.

Censored at Project Censored

SAN FRANCISCO - A group which selects the 25 underreported stories of the year has excluded lesbian, gay or bisexual news items from the 1992 list. In fact, the group has never, in its 17-year history, had a queer story on that list.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)/SF Bay Area submitted numerous queer stories to Project Censored, including items on the significance of the lesbian/gay vote and the passage of major anti-discrimination laws by three states.

Jessea Greenman, GLAAD co-chair, said, "Project Censored's values ironically reflect a complete and utter ignorance of our community

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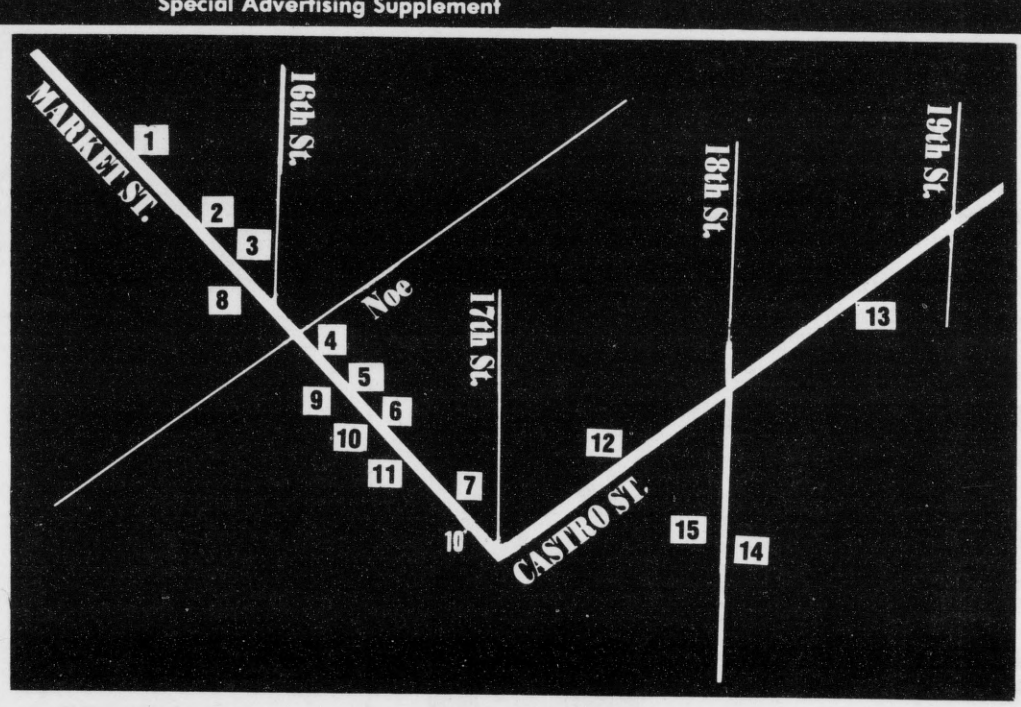

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and of social reality in 1992. This is ironic since their ignorance is due, of course, to the incredible intensive censorship lesbian, gay and bisexual people experience."

GLAAD wants Project Censored to include gay and lesbian people on its panel of experts and to establish an ongoing relationship with the queer community.

Project Censored seeks to "educate journalists and the public" about important news overlooked by the mainstream press.

Oral Sex Ban Challenged

NEW ORLEANS - A man arrested last spring for soliciting an undercover cop is challenging the state of Louisiana to nix its sodomy laws.

Johnny L. Baxley, 49, has filed suit in state court against the state's 187-year-old law on the grounds that it is unconstitutional. A ruling is expected on March 1. Though many challenges have been launched against sodomy laws, Baxley's charges that the law unfairly targets gay men and lesbians, for whom oral sex is a primary form of expression.

No Surprise: AIDS Budget a Mess

SACRAMENTO - The AIDS Budget Coalition, comprised of AIDS advocates representing service providers throughout California, are criticizing Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed budget for 1993-94 for its inadequate and shortsighted response to the epidemic.

"This budget is both fiscally unsound and not reflective of the true health needs of Californians living with HIV and AIDS," said Robert Rios of the LIFE AIDS Lobby. "California's refusal to increase the budget ignores new needs arising from caseload increases and the emergence of the epidemic in new populations."

More Action Needed

WASHINGTON - Norm Nickens, chair of the Board of the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) said action is needed to help communities of color disproportionately affected by AIDS.

His comments came on the heels of a National Commission on AIDS report on HIV/AIDS in communities of color. In 1992, NMAC released its own report on HIV/AIDS in communities of color, the first of its kind.

Said Nickens, "With a compassionate president being sworn in...I hold hope that the HIV/AIDS crisis will not be forgotten and that the special needs in communities of color are adequately addressed."

Battered Lesbian Asks Pardon

BOSTON - Debra Denise Reid, serving 9-14 years for manslaughter, is asking Gov. William Weld to pardon her for the murder of her lover, who she says battered her.

Reid said that on the night she stabbed Jacqueline Gary, she was scared for her life. Gary was angry with her because Reid planned to leave her. In a letter to the state pardons board, which is considering her case, Reid wrote: "I wanted to tell (the jury and judge) how I knew from living with Jackie that the look in her eyes and the way she was threatening me with the bottle and the things she said to me meant that she was going to kill me or hurt me bad."

Said Beth Leventhal, a coordinator for the Network of Battered Lesbians, "I've met with Debra a lot and I believe she was severely, horrendously battered—economically, emotionally, sexually."

War Resister Hassled

OAKLAND - Meri Furnari is in trouble with the IRS. An artist and an office manager in a firm that specializes in affordable housing, Furnari has been redirecting her taxes to humanitarian organizations for years now.

The groups she supports with her tax dollars include the AIDS Project of the East Bay, the American Indian Movement and United Farmworkers. Now, the IRS is levying her wages and bank account, and has taken her car. Says Furnari, "It remains an empowering act to resist complying with a government who uses 50 percent of monies collected to perpetrate destruction of human life and the environment."

Adds Furnari, "My tax dollars were spent on humanitarian work that had a positive impact on people."

BITS & PIECES

• The Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR) needs help organizing the 20th anniversary of Roe v. Wade demonstration to Jan. 22. BACORR meets Wednesdays, 7 pm at 523A Valencia. Also, escorts are needed at the Choice Medical Clinic, 650 Main St. in Redwood City, Thursdays from 10 am-2 pm, and Fridays from 8 am-2 pm. Call (415) 541-5690 to volunteer or for more info.

• Easy-to-get-weepy-over-the-dead dept.: Two weeks after vetoing Roberta Achtenberg's resolution to divest $6 million from BofA because the bank contributes to the homophobic Boy Scouts, Mayor Frank Jordan ordered the flags over City Hall lowered to half-mast to commemorate the 10,000 San Francisco AIDS deaths. He also asked for five minutes of silence throughout the City on that same day, Jan. 7. Politicians have no shame.

• There's still time to catch one of Eros' Sex/Life program classes on safe sex. Participants will not only get a chance to discuss, but also to experiment. Classes, which cost $10-20, are held on Tuesday and Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon. No prior registration required. Eros is located at 2051 Market St. across from Safeway. Eventsline, (415) 864-3767, has more info.

• The Detroit man who killed his two lesbian neighbors after a dispute over a fence the women were building has been condemned to two life sentences. James Brooks, 67, confessed to the murder.

• The San Francisco Interreligious Coalition on AIDS is sponsoring "Talking About HIV/AIDS in Your Congregation," on Jan. 23 from 1-5:30 pm at City of Refuge Community Church, 754 14th St. For more info: (415) 558-7060.

• Five lawsuits have been filed against Bay Area employers under California's new gay rights measure. Each seeks $1 million in damages. The firms named in the suits filed by attorney Paul Wotman of the law offices of Arnold Laub: California State Automobile Association, Munich Reinsurance, Brown and Haley and Alameda employer Marie Callendars.

• A new national organization has broken a social taboo by giving voice to men who feel victimized by routine male infant circumcision. Gay activist Tim Hammond, who founded the National Organization to Halt the Abuse and Routine Mutilation of Males, says, "Circumcized men are denied, and in denial about, the sexual enhancement provided by foreskin." Contact the group at: PO Box 460795, SF 94146.

• Ed Wolf was installed as the new HIV Program Director of the San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church on Jan. 10 at 11 am. Wolf's job is a half-time position.

• Ron Squires, 41, an out gay Vermont legislator, died on Jan. 8 of AIDS. He was sworn in from his hospital bed to his second term only two days before his death, the same day he revealed to the nation that he had AIDS. Last year, Squires helped win approval for the state's gay rights law.

• The Hillsborough County Commission near Tampa, Fla., voted to uphold a lesbian/gay rights law against attempts by homophobes to repeal it. David Caton, the leader of the repeal effort, led the successful November effort to nix Tampa's gay rights bill.

• The Juneau Assembly in Alaska has formed a Human Rights Commission, but it has no enforcement power. In addition, the Assembly voted against an ordinance that would have protected specific groups, including queers. All the commission can do is resolve complaints through mediation or arbitration. What's the point?

• On a second vote needed to pass the measure, the Lafayette, Ind., city council voted to table a gay/lesbian rights law, and will now decide whether to send it to the citizens for a referendum vote. The measure merely allows the city's Human Relations Commission to investigate complaints about anti-gay/lesbian discrimination. Sending the measure to the voters is of course taking the easy way out. ✿

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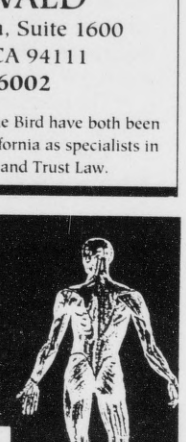

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AIDS Treatments 1992/1993: Where Are We Now?

Each new year we write an overview of treatment development, or a list of treatments to watch in the coming year. This year's overview is difficult to write. Why?

More is happening in AIDS treatment now than ever before; it is harder than ever to keep up with the news. But almost all of it is little news, better than nothing, but not centrally important for saving lives. Examples include FDA approval of yet another marginal drug; more news on nucleoside trials that could never produce a decisive improvement; the latest basic-research advance that, with luck, might be a practical treatment in ten years; more "alternative" treatments with nothing decisive to offer; another seminar on how to turn on your immune system; or a new cure-all proposed (or old one recycled).

What do all of these very different examples have in common? Even when legitimate and necessary, they also represent the kind of diversionary activity which occurs when there is no satisfactory way to address a major problem. When there are no alternatives, such substitute activities may be better than nothing.

But what is disturbing today is that there are clear, meaningful, and widely accepted avenues for pursuing potentially major AIDS treatment advances. But due to mismanagement and disorganization (which stem, ultimately, from the lack of consistent national political will) they are not being pursued with even a shadow of the seriousness they deserve.

The extended example below shows what has happened with what many scientists consider to be the most promising class of AIDS drug being developed. As you read it, keep in mind that every drug's story is different—and that problems are normal in drug development. The real issue is not that problems occur, but that there is no effective effort to fix them. And this issue is not unique to the example below, but is common to almost every AIDS antiviral ever proposed or tested.

TAT INHIBITORS

For years leading AIDS scientists have believed that drugs to inhibit the "tat" gene of HIV would be perhaps the single most promising approach to developing better AIDS treatments. Almost all of the antivirals now in use or being tested (including AZT, ddI, ddC, and d4T) can only help to prevent HIV infection of new cells, but have no effect on the virus in chronically infected cells, leaving a reservoir which can produce illness in various ways, as well as creating drug-resistant virus. In contrast, an effective tat inhibitor would shut down all HIV activity, even in already-infected cells.

Tat inhibitors should be fairly easy to discover, because an efficient screening test for finding them is readily available. In fact, the fastest and least expensive approach to developing a tat drug might well be to screen the thousands of drugs and other substances already in human use; if a good tat inhibitor is found, then all the safety, pharmacology, manufacturing, etc. problems will have already been worked out, and the drug would be ready for use. No one is doing such screening, however, since there is no commercial incentive.

Instead, the whole pharmaceutical industry (or rather, that small part of it which has any interest in AIDS) seems to be waiting to see what happens with the only tat inhibitor drug now in human testing, code-named Ro-24-7429, being developed by Hoffmann-La Roche. Meanwhile, governments (and the rest of the AIDS world) wait for industry to develop tat drugs. In the middle of a major worldwide epidemic, the most promising approach to treatment development has been abandoned to a single project with a single drug in a single company. The problem is that the whole world waits for what might be the wrong tat drug, and almost certainly is the wrong company.

Ro-24-7429 has been delayed because its complex and unusual pharmacology required additional studies to learn how to safely administer it. But the biggest problem has been the lack of commitment by Roche to the project. First, the company decided to abandon the drug, calling off an imminent human trial at Johns Hopkins University by a phone call to the researchers there on April 29, 1991. After AIDS scientists expressed great concern over the loss of the only tat inhibitor in development, Roche decided to sell Ro-24-7429 instead of abandoning it. It came within days of selling it, but then changed its mind again and decided to develop the drug itself.

A major problem now seems to be the lack of commitment of enough staff and resources to this drug within the company. Trials have repeatedly been delayed, and there is still no data on whether or not the drug reduces viral load in people, despite the fact that human testing began well over a year ago.

Within Roche, two people are in charge of the tat inhibitor development; we do not know if there is any other professional staff on the project. During a conference call last month, we asked these two about an earlier attempt to develop a tat drug, which had apparently failed. At least as far back as 1988, German scientists had proposed that d-penicillamine, a prescription drug, might be a useful tat inhibitor; an article published in 1986 described a test of the drug as an HIV treatment in Germany. A later study, however, reported harmful side effects and no evidence of benefit. We wondered what lessons had been learned from this apparent failure, and how they were being incorporated into future tat-drug development. But it turned out that the team developing Ro-24-7429 at Roche did not even know that d-penicillamine had been proposed or tested as a tat inhibitor, despite several published papers on the earlier work—well over a year after Roche had its own tat inhibitor in people.

This is the project that the whole world has entrusted, for two years, to Roche as the sole human developer of the most promising class of potential AIDS drugs, the most feasible development path for finding more effective treatments.

Fortunately the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) began a trial of Ro-24-7429 in December, 1992. This trial will, for the first time, measure indicators of viral activity before and after treatment, so that at last we will know whether or not the drug has biological activity in people. Our main misgiving now is that Roche has so little interest in its own drug. What might it know that we don't? And if this drug should fail, will there be a stampede to reject the whole class of drugs even if there is no rational reason to do so?

Why would Roche decide not to sell its drug after all, if it had so little commitment to it? Since we cannot read minds, we can only guess at possible scenarios. If tat inhibitors are indeed promis-

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ing but Ro-24-7429 had problems that would delay or rule out its final development and marketing, then Roche would stand to lose its valuable lead in tat drugs if another company entered the field with a better one. The best way to prevent that would be to avoid releasing the key data on the drug—whether it has biological activity in humans—since other companies would then be likely to avoid risk by waiting to see what happened with Ro-24-7429 before committing themselves to tat drugs—giving Roche time to either overcome the problems with Ro-24-7429, or to find a second-generation drug to replace it.

Another speculation is that if there were anything embarrassing in the history of the tat drug project, Roche might not have wanted the evidence to go out its door and beyond its control.

Tat inhibitors appear to be much easier to develop than other classes of drugs such as protease (proteinase) inhibitors. But the latter have received much more attention, with several companies competing to develop them—probably because protease inhibitors present more professionally interesting challenges. With tat drugs, enough fundamental problems have already been solved that what is needed now is a straightforward, well-managed development effort. But scientists are attracted to scientific, not management, problems, and nonscientists have not understood the drug. And no one has had the national or international mandate to see that a first-class opportunity was being wasted, or the authority to do anything about it.

The issue here is not Roche, but the rest of the world. How can the United States (which does the most biomedical AIDS research), or any other country, allow its vital interest in better AIDS treatment to remain so unguarded and unattended?

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

We believe that the most important AIDS treatment development in 1992 was the election of Bill Clinton as U.S. president. But maybe not for the reasons people think.

At *AIDS Treatment News* we spend considerable time on the phone talking to people whose primary work is not AIDS— mainstream reporters and corporate officials, for example. Already since the election there seems to be a difference in seriousness, in respect for the issues. The difference seems to go beyond AIDS, to reflect a national change toward dealing with public problems, instead of finding clever maneuvers to excuse an evasion of responsibility.

But the hostile Reagan-Bush administration also provided an excuse for the AIDS community. With leaders like those, we were free to defend against the latest attacks as they occurred, without responsibility for setting our own agenda or for getting results. For example, Bush never received a consensus demand from the AIDS community for improvements in treatment research, except for faster access to treatments nearing approval (which he supported), and for more money (where he was not the leading obstacle).

Maybe our lack of input made no difference anyway; the White House overruled the entire AIDS community, as well as the intent of Congress, on the HIV travel/immigration ban, apparently as a political payoff to bigots. But in the future, with a potentially responsive government, it will be disastrous if the AIDS community does not formulate workable research policies and make them known.

The biggest problem in research is the lack of a consistent national commitment to save lives. Researchers have not had the support they need to do what they know is important. So trials have focused on commercial drugs—known to be inadequate, but where the money is—while clear prospects for decisive treatment advances have remained ignored or grossly under-emphasized. And basic research has focused on high-tech, commercially viable toys with little regard for what could or could not be used in the foreseeable future.

COVERING THE NEWS

When reading AIDS treatment news coverage in 1993 and beyond, remember that we have to cover two kinds of news: what happens, and what doesn't happen. In AIDS treatment development, the latter has been by far the more important. (The mainstream press need only cover the former, however, since it is in the entertainment business and not responsible for conveying information that citizens could use.)

We, too, must spend most of our space on mediocre news—about the marginal nucleoside analog, antibiotic, drug combination, or "alternative" treatments—because usually that is all there is. And as the standard of care changes, there may be disruptive ripples through ongoing clinical trials, which were not designed with the real world in mind. We will cover the ethical debates, the endless meetings, the marching in place of hundreds of well-paid professionals going nowhere.

But we should also remember that, with a potentially friendly government for the first time in the AIDS epidemic, it is more important than ever before to occasionally step back from the ritual of the moment to consider what is truly important for saving lives, and what is not. There is no longer any excuse for a no-win war in AIDS treatment development. No one can guarantee a date when a better treatment might be found. But we can insist that the obvious good leads in front of us be promptly followed up.

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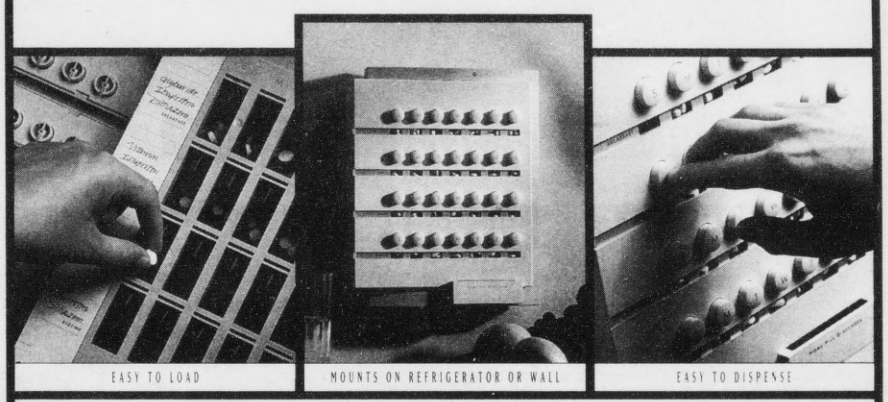

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Year of the Cock

Chinese New Year always begins with the new moon in Aquarius, this year on Jan. 23. According to the Chinese zodiac, this should be a good year for culinary and clothing industries, a year of intense nationalism and personal independence; not great for romance. Western astrologers will quickly point out that Jupiter in Libra makes this a prime year for romance. I could invoke both sides by playing chicken and deferring to your sense of balance. Instead, I'll trust in the Libran Jove for romance, but other planetary positions support the notion that it will be an interesting year for fashions and nationalistic politics. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Now that the holidays are over you can relax a bit. It's time for you to take care of yourself, but not by yourself. Someone special is eager to help soothe your soul and keep you in domestic comfort. You may not be entirely quite comfortable at home, but that might be why that's the best place for you to be right now. This is the beginning of an introspective period for you. This week is also an excellent time for close, intimate, but not necessarily sexual company; time to open up and share yourself with someone who wants to understand you. This in turn will help you to understand yourself. Call it holiday aftermath if you like, but family issues are now where you can examine them clearly and easily. Your partner will be of tremendous help.

TAURUS: It can be difficult at times to balance social and work obligations. Right now there's a lot to be said for good company and for effective accomplishment. Both work and pleasure are looking good now so it's an excellent time to put them into perspective and make the adjustments necessary to balance both sides of the equation. As well as things really are going you're still being a little testy. Too much of a good thing can also be frustrating. Whatever moods you're trying to diplomatically circumnavigate will still come out for all to see. You may want to apologize occasionally for being a bit cranky, or better yet, keep a friend handy to whom you can tell all.

GEMINI: This is a good time to find balance between your creative talents (which are now exceptional!) and your professional ambitions. Money seems to be the defining problem right now... well, right now it is, but over the long run it isn't. What you really need to look at is how you evaluate and prioritize your resources. Any insights you have now will help you to see what adjustments are necessary, but not how to make them. Don't fret. This is the time to identify problems, not to achieve solutions. That will come later.

CANCER: Some vague wanderlust is creeping into your life, but it's also so wonderful simply to enjoy your home! So much of your life seems to be spinning your wheels these days that the home-or-adventure question may seem a way to spin even further out of control. You could make your home a site of adventure or exploration. Sit in your comfy chair and read adventure stories or host a spiritually or educationally focused gathering. If you do play host remember that your moods are even stronger than usual these days so be careful to take time and space to make the event as easy and gracious for yourself as it will be for everyone else.

LEO: You can make some wonderful social opportunities if you can balance the conflicting pulls. On the one hand you are waxing eloquent, speaking out forcefully and effectively. On the other a quiet allure draws you into sensual romance. Too much of a good thing—these days—makes you confused and cranky. We all know how gracious you *can* be, and usually are. Paradoxically, part of your current attractiveness comes from a current turn of introspection and vulnerability, and that same trait is making you uncomfortable with others. The easy way out is to share your time with someone you can be physically and spiritually intimate with.

VIRGO: Your friends, those that remain, are being difficult. Money is again at the root. It seems that generosity, of all things, is creating some trouble. Define some clear limits and stick to them. Your partner would be very glad to help, but you have some differences on just what that help entails. You don't have to capitulate, but some adjustment of your position will be very helpful. Some arguments with friends are all but inevitable. You may want to choose your company especially carefully, but in the long run it will be better if you can enjoy heated, but principled discussions.

LIBRA: These last few weeks (and the next four) have your own ambitions butting head-on with your superiors. Your sign is famous for diplomatic skills and you've been needing them! This is an ideal time to directly but humbly ask those you've been clashing with to sit and discuss problems, to get an idea of what needs fixing or eliminating. It will not be a pleasant session, but think of it as a vocational enema. It will clear out messy obstructions and facilitate smooth progress in the near future. Otherwise work is pleasant, if a bit spacey. If you have the slightest bit of co-dependency it will surface on the job. Poetry or music breaks can help.

SCORPIO: It's so easy to get into arguments, but the real fights, the ones that matter, are internal and philosophical. You're gaining some new depth of insight that is challenging long-held and well-developed beliefs. Could you be wrong? Well, you could be growing and getting beyond some concepts that were fine and dandy when you needed them. Artistic expression is now very helpful. (When I was a child at St. Dymphna's we called it occupational therapy.) Role play is ideal, but any free release of creativity, be it poetry, paints, or play-dough, will help you through this period.

SAGITTARIUS: Breathe deeply. Slowly and deeply. Lust, rage and grief figure heavily this week. Take a moment to see which of these energies is strongest now. Lust, rage or grief; which is it? It's not working and you're holding on to it. It links you to community and hope, but it's just not working. It is absolutely necessary, but now dysfunctional. You need to examine the process. How do you use rage, lust and grief? Not that you can live without them, but how can you use these forces more productively? Right now you have a strong sense of community and foresight so you can open up to this difficult self-examination and work on the ensuing changes.

CAPRICORN: Awkward time for partnerships, wonderful for professional advancement; need to talk it out? Your mate may actually be a bit jealous of your sudden surge of success. Not that s/he begrudges your accomplishments, but while you're looking out for number one, are you taking time for number two? Nurturing your relationship can prove helpful at work, but don't let that be your prime motivation or you'll be in big trouble on the home front! Talking is very helpful, but just as important is listening. Logic serves you well, but now you need some magic. Listen with your heart, pay attention to poetry and images. *Happy Birthday: Janice Courter and Jack Goodall.*

AQUARIUS: Money seems to be going relatively well right now, but work is a bit uncertain. Work is not going to get any clearer anytime soon, but it will work out in time. Right now you can see how problems at work can be turned to some financial advantage. At least you can get clear insights into the dysfunctional aspects of your earning patterns. Some discussion is necessary. You need the opportunity to expound and to learn, but even the best planned sessions can easily go off on long-winded tangents. For you this is always true, but now more than ever. Indulge your loping loquacity where you can, so it doesn't creep into business. *Happy Birthday: Jericho Wilson.*

PISCES: Other people are out of sorts, so of course *you're* having a wonderful time. It's not that you enjoy the discomfort of others, it's just a perversity of astrology that your ups and downs are usually opposite the rest of the world's. Venus in your sign is making you even more beautiful than usual and Mars is energizing your house of creative play. Jupiter brings opportunity to your house of ill repute. All these planets are working together. It could be the classic good time. Could also be overcoming a creative challenge. One does not rule out the other. Enjoy! ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
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coming UP

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JAN 14 / T H U

Ageism Consciousness-Raising Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at 10 am. 9-session series meets every other Thurs thru 5/13. For location, reservations & other info call 626-7000 ext 135.

"Gains & Losses for Women & Minorities," a talk by TV journalist Belva Davis on what women & minorities stand to lose or gain in the coming years, and coalitions formed to insure attention to women's specific needs. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center and the UCSF Dr Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration Committee. UCSF Toland Hall, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5836.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group for ages 14-23, meets 6:30-9 pm. Call 457-1115 for info/location.

At A Different Light Bookstore: 7:30 pm. Poet/editor Edward Field reads from his new collection of poetry *Counting Myself Lucky, Selected Poems 1963-1992* and discusses work of the late Alfred Chester as collected by Field in the new anthology *Looking for Genet*. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Discussion of the late Jean Kennedy's *New Currents, Ancient Rivers: Contemporary African Artists in a Generation of Change*, about sub-Saharan African artists working in a variety of mediums, from painters to filmmakers. Kennedy's daughter, Mimi Wolford, prsents a slideshow of contemporary African art. 7:30 pm, free. Refreshments presented by Fana Ethiopian Restaurant. 888 Valencia St, SF.

New Horizons Rap Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people ages 22-29 meets 7:45-9:30 pm. Spons by Spectrum. For more info call 457-1115.

Pilot Project: Evening of danceworks by the new choreographers of the Margaret Jenkins Dance Co school (Maria Basil, Renee Beauvais, Ann Foley, Julie McDonald, Perry Salit & Michelle Stortz). 8 pm, $5. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-9834.

Women's Voices series at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Robbi Sommers (*Pleasures, Kiss & Tell*) reads from her new novel, *Uncertain Companions*, a science fiction tale exploring the outer dimensions of lesbian eroticism. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4676.

JAN 15 / F R I

7th Annual Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival: Wkend of workshops, songswaps, art exhibits & performances at the Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord. $35. Performers include *Grupo Muy Muy, Jewish Folk Chorus*, Elise Bryant and Augustin Lira & Alma. Festival celebrates workers' lives & culture thru music, theater, writing, comedy & graphic arts. Wkshops offered on labor storytelling, puppet making, skits & songs of the civil rights movement, labor murals, Port Chicago, rap, military conversion & much more. Festival concludes on Sun eve with a benefit concert tribute to Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, 7 pm at 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill (tix $10). For reg & other info call (408) 426-4940.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group—See Parents & Kidsbox.

Lesbian Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Group: free, feminist, and sometimes even fun. Not a 12-Step group. For day, time, location & other info call Valerie 626-7458.

Marin BACW TGIF & WCD: Join Bay Area Career Women for Thank Goodness It's Friday and We Can Dance in the Wine Cellar at the Holiday Inn in San Rafael. 7-11 pm. Directions: Take 101 north to the Frietas Parkway exit; turn right at the 2nd light, continue on uphill to the Holiday Inn. Light complimentary snacks served. If you've got a favorite tape or CD bring it along! 7-8 pm social hour, 8-11 pm dancing. $8. Info: Susan 892-0509.

BACW Marin Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a delicious dinner at Gonzales Restaurant, corner of 2nd & B St, San Rafael. $1 activities fee. Reservations required, call Lynne 457-4866 for info.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight. Eastbay location. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Writing & Self-Publishing Wkshop: Learn effective methods for an efficient writing practice and everything you need to know to get your work published when you're done. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Writing & self-publishing workshop with Tony Vidal, author/publisher of *The Sands of Experience, One Man's Odyssey in Search of Self*. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. $5. 924-8970.

"Breaking & Entering" at Red Dora's the Bearded Lady: Tales of hunger, lust & vengeance, in a spoken work in progress. LA poets Cathy Colman, Trisha Harper & Sandra Golvin grapple with the psychosexual fallout of their espective Jewish & Arab legacies while attempting to find meaning in boot knoves & borscht. Tonight thru 1/17 at 8 pm. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 626-2805.

Savage Jazz Dance Co, new dance combining jazz music with dance, perform tonight & tmw to the works of such greats as Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dave Brubeck & Charles Mingus. 8 pm at Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 10th, Oakl. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door, $8 srs & stdnts with ID. Info/res: (510) 465-0561.

Dark Shadows Society Mtg: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Come celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun! 8 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

At ATA: "Home Turf & Higher Goals," a program in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, produced by FAIR Bay Area (Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting). See shows produced by KRON-TV's now-cancelled youth programming dept, including "Home Turf", "Buster & Me," "Kidswatch," and the "TV IQ Test". "Home Turf," segment includes *Freedom*, a rap video by Chill EB about Dr King. Also see *Higher Goals*, a PBS program about high school basketball, featuring Isiah Thomas & Tim Meadows. 8 pm, $3-5 SL fee, under 18 free. Artist' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Brain Food: Spoken Word Performance Series at the Elbo Room continues with Boston performance poet Richard Cambridge, poet/performer Mike Kyle & the jazzed up improv of Asbestos Removal Crew. 9 pm, $4/5. 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

Club nZinga: Int'l Dance Party at El Rio with DJ Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Tonight & 1/22 & 29. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Sister Double Happiness at The Kennel Club, 628 Divisadero, SF. Info: 931-1914.

Singer Connie Champagne at Josie's Cabaret in "This is War!" a night of quirky songs & skewed musings as Connie shares her post-atomic cabaret show, a collection of short monologues & songs a la Sandra Bernhardt, compiled by Susan Stauter. 10 pm, $10 tonight & 1/22 & 29. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JAN 16 / S A T

4th Annual Iceman Run to the Russian River with Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club: Everyone welcome! 2-day event Motorcycles NOT needed, reservations required. For info call Ed (510) 531-5243 or Allen (415) 389-0905.

Pt Richmond Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take I-80 to I-580 toward Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Harbor Way South, go left 1/2 + mile. Turn left on South Garrard thru tunnel. Park along the curb above the park. Info: (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Caregiving: The Final Stage: Wkshop on how to support someone thru the dying process, spons by Kairos. Facilitated by certified nursing assistant David Cardenas; grief counselor Anne Grant, PhD & Kairos staff. Learn how to provide practical & emotional support, and how to support yourself. Format includes presentations, handouts, opportunities to share personal experiences & concerns. Wkshop for partners, friends, family members, professionals & volunteers. CE credits for nurses provided. 10 am-4 pm, $35. Francis of Assisi Community Ctr, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Bookparty/Reading spons by Aunt Lute Foundation & Aunt Lute Books, SF's multicultural feminist press. Party celebrates the publication of Jyl Lynn Felman's *Hot Chicken Wings*, a book about what poet Adrienne Rich calls "tracking the forbidden edges of being Jewish, female & lesbian at the end of the 20th century." 11 am-1 pm, $3 donation requested. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 558-8116.

Pacific Center for Human Growth/Contra Costa fundraiser dance & raffle: Pacific Center, Berkeley has opened a Contra Costa office offering services to sexual minorities. Tonight's event at Just Rewards celebrates the opening & raises additional funds to support the center. Everyone welcome to come dance to country western & music from the '70s-80s, get to know your neighbors! 3-8:30 pm, $10 at door, raffle tix $1 each. Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Reception for painter Ann Miller, whose work will be exhibited at A Different Light thru 2/28. 5 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

Act of Intimacy: Debbie Moore & XPlicit Players bring their nude street activism into performance rituals that bring audiences into tribal customs of tenderness, body-reading and a "tour-of-touch". 5 pm, $12. New College, 777 Valencia St nr 16th St BART, SF. Info: (510) 540-0907.

Sonoma BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for dinner at the Union Hotel in Occidental. Info/res: Louise (707) 833-2303.

Country Western Dancefest: 7-midnight at Live Oak Rec Center, 1301 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. $5-10 donation requested, proceeds benefit the Women's Cancer Resource Center. Lessons & raffle prizes offered. Special appearance by *931 Cloggers* and *Latigo*, plus *Foggy City Dancers*. Smoke & alcohol-free. Info: Lilia (510) 271-5916 (wk).

Country Western Dancefest: Benefit for Women's Cancer Resource Center. Smoke & alcohol free. Lessons & raffle available. Special appearances by Latigo (new all-women c/w dance team), 931 Cloggers & Foggy City Dancers. 7 pm-midnight, $5-10 donation requested. Info: Lilia (510) 524-7648.

Alive! reunion concert at the Cowell Theatre at Fort Mason, SF on Jan. 23 and at Mills College in Oakland on Jan. 30. See Calendar for info.

"Breaking & Entering," at Red Dora's, the Bearded Lady—See 1/15 listing for details.

Norbert Kraft, Canada's premirere classical guitarist, in concert at the Green Room, SF War Memorial & Performing Arts Center, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. 8 pm. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 srs & stdnts. Spons by the D'Addario Foundation for the Performing Arts. Tix/info: 726-1203.

At Mama Bears: Night of improv comedy & music with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon). 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Branford Marsalis Blues Tour with Albert Collins & Linda Hopkins, at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. Tix $28/24/15, discounts available for stdnts & srs. Info: (510) 642-9988.

"Tribute to the Dream," a celebration of music & dance in honor of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr and celebration Dimensions Dance Theater's 20th anniversary. Program features the blues, doo-wop, r&b and gospel melodies of *Street Sounds*, the poetry of Elvis Hodges, and a retrospective of Dimensions' past 20 years. 8 pm, $15 gen'l, $10 srs & stdnts. Scottish Rite Center Theater, 1547 Lakeside Drive (one block north of 14th St, across from Lake Merritt), Oakl. Tix at BASS (510) 762-BASS or Marcus Book Store (510) 652-2344.

Savage Jazz Dance Co in concert at Laney College—see 1/15 listing for details.

Deidre McCalla Concert: Celebration of the release of her new album, "Everyday Heroes & Heroines". 8 pm at IMA Musical Arts Cultural Center in Bodega. Info: (707) 876-3004.

Afro-Butoh, "Running Snake" solo performance by Todd Ford. 8:30 pm at 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 206-1418.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Concert with singer/songwriter Judy Fjell. 8:30 pm, $8-11 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Between the Cracks: A "vile & disgusting freak show" for "fucking pansies & bulldagger bitches" and our "bastard breeder friends" at ATA (Artists Television Access). Check your "politically correct fascism" at the door. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Latin Salsa Night at El Rio with DJ Jose. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Demystifying Sexual Attraction: Wkshop for gay men today, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, workshop for lesbians 1/30. 9:30

am-12:30 pm. $30. Explore the dynamics of sexual attraction & how it can sabotage opportunities for intimacy. Both wkshops held at 935 Lootens, Ste 208, San Rafael; led by Daniel Linder, MA, MFCC, author of *The 7 Principles of Healthy Dating;* assisted by lesbian colleague. Info/reg: (510) 649-9818 or (415) 456-0802.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Suzy Berger & Nora Frala. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JAN 17 / SUN

BACW Marin/Sonoma Adopt-A-Highway: Join Bay Area Career Women as they fight litter & have fun! 10 am-noon, followed by brunch. Group limited to 20, call Susan for info/RSVP 892-0509.

The ABCs of Making an Album: Wkshop with Olivia Records recording artist Deidre McCalla. Topics: Fundraising, pre-production, making the most of studio time, recording contracts and marketing the finished product. 1-4 pm, $35. Scholarships available thru a grant from the Sonoma County Community Fund. Info: IMA (707) 876-3004.

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Stephen York, interim director of religious education at First Unitarian Church, discusses his spiritual journey (York served for 20 years as a minister & denominational executive in the Pentecostal church, and thru a series of faith crises came to embrace religious liberalism & Unitarian Universalism). Info: 552-1997.

Latin American Theater Artists present a staged reading of "Shelter," a new play by LA playwright Caridad Svich. A comic erotic exploration of love & rivalry btwn friends & a brother and a sister closer than that. A rough separation leads to growing up. 2 pm at ACT's Hastings Studio Theater, 450 Geary St, SF. Play repeats on 1/18 at 8:30 pm at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. All performances in English. $3 donation. Info: 771-0654.

Sex/Life Series at Eros: "Men Pleasuring Men," led by John Sabel & Matthew Simmons. 2-5 pm, $20, tonight & 1/24 at Eros, 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Booksigning Party: Van R Ault celebrates the release of his new book, *Hypnotherapy & the Radiance Technique: Partners in Transformation*. 3-5:30 pm, free. 2168 15th St, SF. Info: 386-5878.

GAWK Mtg: Gay Artists & Writers Kollective (GAWK) meets 3 pm today & 1/24 & 31. Writers & performers welcome! Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Djola Bernard Branner & Robert Westley read from *Here to Dare*, along with George Kirkson reading from Rudy Kikel's *Long Division*. 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

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GLAAD Lesbian Visibility Task Force meets at 7 pm at the GLAAD (Gays & Lesbians Against Defamation) Office, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF. All lesbians & bi women are very welcome—bring a friend, your ideas & your enthusiasm!

At A Different Light Bookstore: Group reading by authors Jyl Lynn Feldman, Terry Wolverton & Nancy Boutilier. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

"Breaking & Entering" at Red Dora's the Bearded Lady, see 1/15.

Judith Kate Friedman in concert at Freight & Salvage. Celebration/benefit for her new CD release, "Count Me In". 8 pm, $7 adv, $8 at door. Pre-ordered CDs ($25) are autographed, & price includes complimentary tix to concert, call 824-5283 for info.

Helot Revolt, faggot heavy metal band at Bottom of the Hill, SF.

JAN 18 / MON

Gray Panthers of SF meet in the Fireside Room of First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary, SF. 12:30 pm social time, followed by 1 pm program. Topic: The Children's Budget & the City Budget. Gray Panthers is an advocacy group working on issues important to all generations. Everyone welcome! Info: 552-8800.

X-TA-C, Bay Area gay & lesbian cross-country ski club, hosts a potluck supper mtg tonight at 7 pm in Berkeley. Discuss upcoming 1-day & wkend ski trips. All levels of skiing ability are welcome! Info/location: 330-5485.

Marin Gay Male Support Group spons by Spectrum. Ongoing group can be joined at any time, 8-week commitment required. $15 per session. Info: 457-1115.

Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JAN 19 / TUE

Anger & Conflict in Relationships: Class offered thru SF Community College, taught by Genevieve Howe, MS, MFCC. Free 8-wk course. Topics: Hidden anger, blocks to expressing anger, handling emerging feelings, anger in relationshps, anger vs assertion, aggression & conflict management, fair fighting, recovery from anger & conflict. 6:30 pm starting tonight at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 585-5150.

Home Care Skills Training: Free, "how-to" practical skills training for partners, friends & family providing care at home for persons with AIDS. Held at St Mary's Hospital, SF, over 5 week nights (1/19-21, 25 & 26) from 7-10 pm. Taught by Home Care Companions. Training is for any non-professional care partner who is or will be helping out a loved one with AIDS in their home. Class size limited, adv reg required. Info/reg: Celi Adams 824-3269.

Tantra Yoga Exercise Class led by Ganymede. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. An eve of chanting, breathing & movement exercises for s/m players. Ganymede explains & demos the exercises, then everyone joins in. No prior knowledge of Tantra required. Wear casual, loose-fitting clothes, bring a blanket or full-length pad. $15-10 SL fee. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-9:30 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by artist/model Jorge De Baca. 7 pm. Info/res: 621-6294. 1229 Folsom St, SF.

SFJCC Career Forum: "Shape Up Your Job Search," with counselors from Jewish Vocational Services. Get valuable info on job search strategies, interviewing, resumes & cover letters. Individual questions answered. 7-9 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"Kriya Tantra: the Roots of Tantric Yoga," a talk by Ron Girty at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Carl Parkes, author of the highly-regarded *Southeast Asia Handbook*, presents a slideshow/discussion on his newly published *Thailand Handbook*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Halloween in the Castro: *1992*; a two hour "rockumentary" of the biggest & most outrageous Halloween party in the world, aired on Lavender Lounge, "The Queer American Bandstand," cable channel 51 at 10 pm tonight (part one) and 10 pm 1/26 (part two).

JAN 20 / WED

Lesbian filmmaker Barbara Hammer screens & discusses her latest work, *Nitrate Kisses* tonight & tmw at City College's Film 120C, "History of Homosexuality on Film" class. *Nitrate Kisses* examines the history of lesbian & gay culture. 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 17th St at Church, SF. Room 225. Hammer's discussion kicks off the spring sessions of this class (held Wed & Thurs eves, you may register for either one). Enrollment fee $30. Info: 239-3000 or 239-3383.

Bi Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm tonight. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Love Gluttons & Sexual Starvers Wkshop: Uses compassion to heal from sexual manipulations, reclaim intimacy & trust. Free, donations accepted. Noe Valley, SF location. Led by Robin Stuart, MFC#29894. Everyone welcome. Info: 821-4740.

Inauguration Spaghetti Feed: SF NOW celebrates the recent election victories on Bill Clinton's inauguration day. See video of the inauguration, plus videos of the swearing-in of Barbara Boxer & Dianne Feinstein; feast on spaghetti & garlic bread, have fun with other women activists. 7-9 pm, $5 all you can eat spaghetti & garlic bread, $1 wine or non-alcoholic beverage. Please RSVP, call SF NOW 861-8880. The Women's Building, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. 2nd floor dining hall.

Women's Voices present Chilean novelist, journalist & dramatist Isabel Allende, who will speak & signs books at UCSF Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus, SF. 7 pm, $5-10 at door. Event is co-spons by Women's Voices, the cultural events series of Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. Info: 821-4676.

Meditation & Addiction, talk by Zoran Josipovic, MA. Learn a simple, effective meditation technique for dealing with your own addictions & as an adjunct to the treatment of others. Zoran is the author of *Zen for Beginners* and has extensive background in both Hindu & Buddhist traditions. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Matt Silverstein, John Ellis and Doug Sadownick in "Jew Meat" at Josie's Cabaret, Jan. 20-31. Calendar has info.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Le Ly Hayslip (*When Heaven & Earth Changed Places*) discusses *Child of War, Woman of Peace,* the final installment in her remarkable autobiography. Book details her post-Vietnam life in America. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Open lesbian & gay reading for queer writers of prose & poetry. Listeners as well as readers are encouraged to attend. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Sex/Life Series at Eros: "Tantra Sex Play for Men," led by Scott Eaton & Daniel Raymond. 7:30-10 pm, $10. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Sex/Life Series at Eros: "Honey, We've Got to Talk," led by Isadora Alman. 7:30-10 pm, $15 single, $25 couple. Eros, 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Men's Discovery Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today. Topic: Are you a top or a bottom? Led by George Birimisa. For location, time & other info call 626-7000.

"Jew Meat" at Josie's Cabaret with LA performers Doug Sadownick, John Ellis & Matt Silverstein. Hot & steamy show in which three Jewish queer men explore being twice blessed & cursed. Show runs Wed-Sun tonight thru 1/31 at 8 pm, $10. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Klubstitute Presents the Clinton Inaugural Ballstitute, San Fransicko AC/DC 1993: A benefit for Shanti & Project Inform. A spirited evening of topical satire & dancing, with the entire *faux* spectrum of politicians, bureaucrats, lobbyists, celebrities, media whores & gladhanders, living & dead. Program: 10 pm, On-site celebrity TV interviews (behind the scene in-depth analysis of what's really happening); 11 pm, The swearing in of Bill Clinton (solemn ceremony honoring our new commander-in-chief; midnight, The grand formal Inaugural Ball (chance to dance with all the big shots). DJ Remix Von Popstitute, plus special guests. 1015 Folsom St, SF. Tix $3-3000 SL donation. Info: 864-3695.

At Faster Pussycat! The Club: *Love Explosion*, live. With DJs Downtown Donna & Darcey at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

JAN 21 / THU

Alexander Book Co: Sin Soracco signs copies of her new novel, *Edge City*. 12:30-1:45 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Lesbian filmmaker Barbara Hammer screens & discusses her film, *Nitrate Kisses*, see 1/20 listing for details.

New Horizons, rap group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people ages 22-29 meets 7:45-9:30 pm tonight & 1/28 in Marin. Spons by Spectrum. Info/location: 476-1115.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group for ages 14-23 meets tonight & 1/28, 6:30-9 pm. Info/location: Spectrum 457-1115.

Gay Games IV/East Bay: Mtg to discuss the Eastbay's efforts for the upcoming Games (NYC, June 1994). Swimmers, runners, bowlers, triathletes, tennis players, basketball teams, volleyball teams & other athletes of all ages, sexes & abilities are welcome! 7-8:30 pm tonight at Teaspot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo btwn University & Addison, Berkeley. Info: Chris (510) 649-1408.

Bookparty at La Pena: Contributors to the recently published *Voices of Identity, Rage & Deliverance: An Anthology of Writings by People of Mixed Descent* read from their work, articulating the varied experiences of mixed race identities. 7 pm, $5-10 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Modern Times Bookstore: Author Roger Lancaster discusses *Life is Hard: Machismo, Danger & the Intimacy of Power in Nicaragua*. Lancaster's book uses testimonials to talk about male supremacy, homosexuality, race and the survival of female-headed households. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Meet the Author Series at SFJCC: Jyl Lynn Felman discusses *Hot Chicken Wings*, her book of stories illuminating what it means to be female, Jewish & lesbian. Felman also speaks on racism, anti-Semitism & homophobia. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

You Weren't Invited to the Economic Summit in Little Rock? So weren't a lot of folks... So join us for a Bay Area Media/Community Forum on the Economy: 7:30 pm at Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut Street (btwn Rose & Vine), North Berkeley. $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Speakers include: Donald Barlett, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and co-author of *America: What Went Wrong?*; Brenda Payton, *Oakland Tribune* columnist; Kalima Rose, editor, *Equal Means: Women Organizing Economic Solutions;* and Young Shin, executive director, Asian Immigrant Women's Advocates. Event co-spons by Center for Ethics & Economic Policy, Equal Rights Advocates and New California Alliance. Info: 543-0633.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Penny Rosenwasser signs copies of her newly released book *Visionary Voices: Women on Power*; conversations with shamans, activists, teachers, artists & healers who share their experiences & thoughts on women's power & empowerment. 7:30 pm. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Thalia Zepatos discusses *A Journey of One's Own: Uncommon Advice for the Indepedent Woman Traveler*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) Forum on Famous Bisexuals in History: Bring your stories about notorious bisexuals from the past or people we need to reclaim as part of our history. 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. Info: Robin 826-1636.

Women's Voices at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Sonja Franeta, who was part of the first gay & lesbian symposium & film festival in Russia in 1991, presents an hour-long slide show, "Coming Out in Russia." 8 pm, $3-10 fee benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret, night of performance by three queer Jewish artists from LA, see 1/20.

J-Spot Cabaret at SFJCC with "Live-Girls-Live" comedy show: Liz White & Sabrina Matthews do skits about the insecurities & growing pains of "being a girl." 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Postbush-Reaganism: On the first day of of the post Bush-Reagan era, Paper Tiger TV celebrates, mourns & remembers the crimes of the past 12 years and how the media covered them (up). Program features excerpts from *Operation Storm the Media, Zero Tolerance: Bush's War on Drugs, SF Says No to the New World Order, Boiling Point*, favorite protests and other works. Also the uncensored version of Stoney Burke's coverage of the Republican convention, Carla Leshne's *Lies* and more. PLus update on the future of public access in SF (call 552-PTTV for details). 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Artists' Television Access. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

JAN 22 / FRI

See *The East is Red* at Great Star Theatre: A sequel to *Swordsman 2* in which Asia the Invincible, Swordsman Lin's nemesis, last seen as a man-turned-woman but now once more a man (though still played by Brigitte Ching-Hsia Lin, in drag), is now called upon to destroy his true love, a woman named Snow. This tale of legendary days of yore is reinterpreted for '90s audiences as a lesbian-tinged action film. In Cantonese with English subtitles. Film opens today for a 10-day run. For showtimes & other info call 982-6644. 636 Jackson St, SF.

Pass it On: A Roe v Wade 20th Anniversary Birthday Party. Celebration of the landmark abortion rights decision, spons by Contra Costa & Alameda Coalition for Reproductive Choice (CRC). 7-10 pm, $5 adv, $10 at door, $7 stdnts. Ygnacio Valley High School, 755 Oak Grove Road, Concord. Info: (510) 674-3350.

Celebrate Roe v Wade 20th Anniversary and the Inauguration of a pro-choice President with the California Abortion Rights Action League: 7-10 pm at Club DV8, 55 Natoma St at Howard, SF. Dancing, light hors d'oeuvres, door prizes. Tix $20 adv, $25 at door, $100 sponsor. Info/res: CARAL 546-7211.

2nd Annual Shades of Gray show with cabaret artist Lisa Gray, winner of the 1991 Cable Car Award for Outstanding Club Performer. Gray & her trio explore songs of the 1930s thru today. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $12. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, lower level.

An Eve with Lily Tomlin & Friends at the Castro Theatre: Benefit for The Celluloid Closet Film Project. Event features live performances by Lily Tomlin & other celebrities including playwright Harvey Fierstein & comic Marga Gomez; plus special screening of film clips in *The Celluloid Project*. After-theater party with Tomlin, Fierstein & others at Hayes Street Grill. For tix info about either event call 864-7950.

"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/20.

Snatch Fetish Party! Kick-off for the Ms Leather Party!—9 pm-6 am, with go go's, dancing, debauchery....at The Pit (below Cocktails), 9th & Howard, SF. DJs Downtown Donna, Jan Cooley & others. Visuals by LSD. $5. See you there. Info: Snatch Hotline 561-9771.

Club nZinga at El Rio, see 1/15.

Sensitized to Pain: Spoken Word Performance Series at the Elbo Room continues with poetry by Merl Tofer, evocative of queer youth; and fuck poems & other work by Ana Christy, embracing the commonplace activities of life in England and the United States. 9 pm, $4/5. 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

Salsa Tropical at La Pena Cultural Center, with special guests Chico y Rico The Bori-raperos. 9:30 pm, $8-25. Proceeds benefit the Campaign to Free the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War & Political Prisoners. Raffle of copper etching by POW Adolfo Matos & door prizes. WA. Adv tix available at La Tienda/La Pena. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (nr Ashby BART). Info: (510) 832-1114 or (415) 824-7950.

JAN 23 / SAT

Basic Home Repair: Plumbing: Wkshop offered by Women Empowering Women, a nonprofit organization of tradeswomen. Learn how to repair leaky faucets and unclog drains, discover what's in the tank at the back of the toilet. 9 am-4 pm, $40-60 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. 9 am-4 pm, room N517, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

Heather Farms/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Route 24 East to Hwy 680. Go north on 680, take first exit immediately on right (Ygnacio Valley Rd). Turn right onto Ygnacio, follow for approx 2 miles. At bottom of hill just past John Muir Hospital, turn left onto San Carlos Dr. Take first left, meet in parking lot in front of swim center. 9:30 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Estero Trail to Drake's Head, Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore Hike with SF Hiking Club: 9-mile hike, moderate elevation gain & loss. Hike for 3 miles on Estero Trail, 1 1/2 miles on Drakes Head Trail, stop for lunch on the promontory overlooking the tip of Limantour Spit & Drake's Bay. You may stop in Olema for dinner on the way back to the City (carpooling arranged at the outset of trip, with preferences for dinner stop or direct return to SF in mind). Driving distance 45 miles each way, cost per car $12 per car, includes bridge toll mileage, and is shared among passengers. Bring water & lunch, and dress in layers. Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Church Sts, SF. Info: Jim 285-3760 eves.

LIPS Wkshop: Lesbian Installation Projects invites lesbians to work on a community based installation with other lesbian artists. Professionals & novices with commitment are welcome, all media considered. Laney College, Oakland location, plenty of parking available. Pre-reg required. Info/reg: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

The Way of the Clown: Wkshop with spiritual clown Lizette Guy. Develop your own clown character thru improv & theater games. 10 am-4 pm, $50 donation requested. Tayu Center, Sebastopol. Info/res: (707) 829-9579 or write to Tayu Center, POB 11554, Santa Rosa, 95406.

Lesbian Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse: See 1/15 listing for details.

Temporary Piercings Class with Pat Califia & Robin Sweeney. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Pat & Robin show how to safely use sharp points for temporary play piercing & how to use piercings for bondage. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:30 pm in a private SF space. $15. Info: 550-7776.

Welcoming Reception for Ramon Gamez, FSLN deputy in the Nicaraguan National Assembly and Josefa Hernandez, Community Movement Coordinator in Esteli, Nicaragua; touring the US as part of the official Esteli-SF Sister City affiliation. Afternoon of music, refreshments & conversation. 4-6 pm, free. 1065 Creston Rd, Berkeley. Info: Garrett Brown (510) 845-0215.

ETVC 9th Annual Cotillion: ETVC, a SF-based organization of transvestites, transsexuals & transgenderists spons their annual bash 7 pm-midnight at the California Club, 1750 Clay St, SF. Gala event features evening gown, sportswear & talent competitions, and culminates in the crownng of Miss ETVC 1993. Hosted by female impersonator Tommi Rose of Finnochio's fame; includes entertainment by surprise guests & local talent, including Eva Davis & Amber Glass. Buffet served, no-host bar. Dress is formal. Tix $20 in adv, $25 at door. Tix available at Lily's (4 Valencia St), Chez Mollet (527 Bryant), The Cinch (1723 Polk St) and Marlena's (Hayes near Octavia) in SF. Tix also available at Rainbow

Gender Association functions in San Jose. For more info call the ETVC Hotline: (510) 549-2665.
Pizza Night with Negatives Being Positive, a social group of HIV negative men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. Join us for a night of pizza, soda, games & fun at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 7 pm, $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Also canned or packaged items accepted for the AIDS Food Bank, please RSVP Neil 255-7672.
"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/20.
***Alive!* Reunion Concert** with Barbara Borden, Carolyn Brandy, Rhiannon, Janet Small & Suzanne Vincenza. Night of hot jazz, incredible vocals, Latin beats, soulful swing, improv, stories & more! 8 pm tonight at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF and 8 pm 1/30 at Mills College Concert Hall, Oakl. Tix $15, available by sending SASE to Redwood Cultural Work, Box 10408, Oakland 94610 or at Modern Times Bookstore in SF; Mama Bears & Gaia Bookstore in the Eastbay. SIGN with Sherry Hicks. WA. Info: (510) 835-1445.
Shades of Gray concert with cabaret artist Lisa Gray and trio. See 1/22.
Oakland Jazz Choir premiere concert, 8 pm tonight at First Presbyterian Church, 27th & Broadway, Oakl. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door. Info: (510) 287-8880.
Epicenter Switchboard Benefit: Benefit for this free info & referral service reaching out to SF & the Bay Area communities. 8:30 pm at Studio 4; with entertainment by *Harris Flush, Tastefreeway* and *Odd Girl Out*. $4 donation. All ages admitted.
Electronic Theatre: Presentation of works created with the computer; a NYC Siggraph production, curated by Maureen Nappi. See Maureen Nappi & Dean Winkler's *Continuum: One Initiation*, with music by Phillip Glass, performed by Kronos Quartet; plus Peter Callas' *Neo-Geo*, Larry Cuba's *Calculated Movements*, David Em's *An Afternoon with John Whitney*, Donna Cox's *Garbage*, Susan Collins & Julie Myers' *Going for Goldfish*, James Duesing's *Maxwell's Demons* and others. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.
New Wave City at El Rio: Late '70s & early '80s new wave dance music. 9 pm-2 am, $6. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 828-3325.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marilyn Pittman, Hank Donat & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JAN 24 / SUN

Sex/Life Series at Eros: "Men Pleasuring Men," led by John Sabel & Matthew Simmons, see 1/17.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Mtg—see 1/17.
Roe v Wade 20th Anniversary Celebration: Interfaith gathering celebrating 20 years of a woman's right to abortion, spons by the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. 4 pm, everyone welcome! Temple Emanu-El, Lake & Arguello, SF. Info: 282-2265.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Richard Rodriguez reads from his autobiographical reflection on identity & meaning, *Days of Obligation, An Argument with My Mexican Father*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Richard Rodriguez reads from his latest work, *Days of Obligation; An Argument with My Mexican Father*. 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Sue Doro discusses *Blue Collar Goodbyes*, a book of essays & poetry about the struggles & triumphs of women in non-traditional jobs and the relationship of work to individual identity. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.
An Evening with Hazelle at La Pena Cultural Center: Hazelle Goodman, actress/writer and native of Trinidad, on tour from New York, gives a vivacious & engaging night of comedy & innovative drama. 8 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/20.

JAN 25 / MON

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red, group offers writing support for women over 50 years old. Info: 626-7000.
Healing the Wounds of Shame in Recovery: Free, 8-wk course offered thru SF Community College, taught by Genevieve Howe, MS, MFCC. Topics: Understanding shame, roots of excessive shame, shame in family of origin & current relationships, shaming ourselves, healing shame in current relationships. Starts tonight at 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 585-5212.
Marin Gay Male Support Group spons by Spectrum, see 1/18.
New Words, New Directions: An evening with three renowned writers, Dorothy Allison, Isabel Allende and Thom Gunn. Each reads from their new works and converses with the audience at tonight's benefit for Small Press Traffic Literary Arts Center. 6-7 pm author's reception, 7:30 pm reading, $10-15 SL donation for reading & conversation only, $25 includes reception & reading. Tix available at Small Press Traffic or at the door. Info: 285-8394.
"Re-Parent Yourself to Stop Overeating," lecture by Dr Henrietta Spencer on how various forms of abuse can cause eating disorders, and how to relearn positive eating habits. Spencer, former director of the Cedars-Sinai diet program in Los Angeles, will also provide a non-abusive diet that pacifies cravings to overeat. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Meet the Author Series at SFJCC: Bernie Zilbergeld, PhD, author of *The New Male Sexuality*, explores the old myths & new realities about men's relationship to their sexual needs, feelings & ideas. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040. Zilbergeld is a clinical psychologist, former head of the Men's Program, and co-director of training at UCSF's Human Sexuality Program.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/20.

parents & kids box

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group meets 1/15. Childcare provided. For time, location & other info call 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.
Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 1/16: Amiguitos de La Pena present songs, stories & sign language with **Susan Alexander & Pam Johnson**. 1/23: **Mascaritas Puppet Theatre** present "Caps for Sale." 1/30: Amiguitos de La Pena present **Juanita Newland Ulloa** in a concert/demo of Latin American music with pre-Columbian instruments. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Cody's for Kids: National Book Award winner Joyce Carol Thomas (*Marked by Fire, A Gathering of Flowers*) reads from her newest book for young adults, *When the Nightingale Sings*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration now open for inexpensive, 6-wk long science, art & clowning classes meeting Saturdays in February & March. Scheduled January classes last 1-2 hrs, schedule: 1/16: "Ceranimals," with Dennis Treanor; create creature sculpture from clay; $4 per person. 1/23: "Lion Head Building" with Leslie Yee Murata; make a Chinese lion head for Chinese New Year celebrations; $4 per person. 1/30: "Chinese Lion Dancing," with Henny Lee. Learn the history of Lion Dancing, watch or be a part of a short dance performance, $4 per person. Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF.
2nd Int'l Children's Film Festival at Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley: Wonderful selection of films for children presented at matinee screenings on Sat & Sun thru 2/27. Entertaining, high quality films from around the world. 1:30 pm 1/23, 24 & 30; 2/6, 7, 20 & 27. Pacific Film Archive, University Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Tix $3 per person. Info/res: (510) 642-1412.
The Rainbow Clinic: New clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. Info/appt: 476-4883.
Non-Biological, Non-Legal or Other Mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mothers: Are you in danger of not seeing your child? New support group for women forming in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 for info.

JAN 26 / TUE

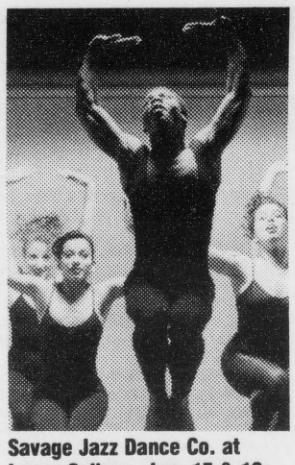
Lesbian Uprising! discusses the politics of eating: What do we eat, what don't we eat, and why—a spirited & informative political meeting, don't miss! Info/location: 661-3886.
"Hypnotherapy: Using Hypnosis as a Dynamic Tool for Transforming Life's Challenges," talk by Jason Gierson at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by physique gold winner Carlis Sharpe. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
Free Introductory Talks about Eckankar, "the religion of the light and sound of God," given by gay members of Eckankar. 7-8:30 pm in the Castro (MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF), tonight & 2/2 & 9. Info: Alex 864-2852.
Sex/Life Series at Eros: "Journey to Your Anus, Part 1," led by Buzz Bense. 7:30-10 pm, $10. Eros, 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.
Sex/Life Series at Eros: "Getting Him to Melt in Your Arms," led by Tommy Phillips & Ed Tucker. 7:30-10 pm, $10. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.
Halloween in the Castro: 1992, Part II; see 1/19 listing for details.

JAN 27 / WED

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) Mtg: 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.
Popular Health Forum spons by the Esteli-SF Sister City Association Health Care Subcommittee. Forum offers an exchange of experiences in community health care organizing in Nicaragua, El Salvador and the US. 7:30 pm, donation. 347 Dolores St, SF. Info: CHRICA 431-7760.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Poet/essayist June Jordan reads from her new collection of essays, *Technical Difficulties: African-American Notes on the State of the Union*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/20.
Parallax Filmworks presents Andy Warhol's *Sleep*. Shown as part of Parallax's Andy Warhol Film Festival, this 90 min excerpt of a 6 hour b&w silent film is a milestone in the history of avant garde cinema. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.
At Faster Pussycat! The Club: *Stickfigure*, live with DJs Downtown Donna & Darcey at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

JAN 28 / THU

Ageism Consciousness-Raising Group for women over 60, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 10 am every other Thurs thru 5/13. For location, reservations & other info call 626-7000 ext 135.
"Sex in the Forbidden Zone: When Men in Power Betray Women's Trust," a lecture by Rev Pamela Cooper White, director of the Center for Women & Religion at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, and Peter Rutter, MD, author of *Sex in the Forbidden Zone: When Men in Power—Therapists, Doctors, Clergy, Teachers & Others—Betray Women's Trust*. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Frameline's Best-of-Fest Series at the Castro Theatre features "Lesbian Bloom," a night of popular lesbian films. See Cheryl Farthing's *Rosebud*, the first explicitly lesbian film made for government-funded British Film Institute, an erotic fantasy about a young woman's coming out; also Robert Smith's rural drama *Wildflowers*, about Sadie, a young woman from Glasgow visiting her boyfriend's home town who unwittingly uncovers his mother's secret—her attraction to women—and becomes more interested in her boyfriend's mother than in her boyfriend. Tix $6, available at door or in adv at A Different Light Bookstore on Castro St. Doors open at 5:45 pm, show starts at 6:15 pm. Info: 703-8650.
Video Night for Lesbians: 7 pm, Potrero Hill, SF location. Exciting thriller about a woman who goes from street hood to assassin for the French govt. Info/location: Tori 252-8351.
Vaginal Fisting for Beginners Class taught by Dr Bitch Sir & Carol Queen. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Teachers discuss preparation, techniques & emotional considerations that determine how satisfying a scene can be. Demonstration. $15. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.



Savage Jazz Dance Co. at Laney College, Jan. 15 & 16. Calendar has details.

Judith Kate Friedman performs at Freight & Salvage, Berkeley, on Jan. 17. Photo by Julie Potratz

Meet the Author Series at SFJCC: Alan Epstein, PhD, author of *How to be Happier Day by Day*, discusses how to make happiness a habit thru integrating work, relationships, family life & personal empowerment. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
"Jew Meat," at Josie's Cabaret: Show by Doug Sadownick, John Ellis & Matt Silverstein, queer Jewish performance artists from Los Angeles. An irreverent look at gay Jewish culture thru the eyes of three street-smart men, each of whom knows whereof he kvetches. Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/31. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Women's Voices at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Local lesbian tomboy poet & fiction writer Nancy Boutilier reads from her first book of stories & poems, *According to Her Contours*. An evening of passion, politics & fun. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.
***D'Cuckoo* Concert:** 8 pm at Great American Music Hall. Show includes new tunes, special guests and Rev. 3 of the interactive D'Cuckoo MidiBall. Tix $10. Info/res: (510) 652-4420.
Comedy Night at SFJCC with Terry Sand & the Gefilte Fish Heads. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Frameline's Best of Fest series at the Castro Theatre features *Barry Walters' Fabulous World of Queer Pop Video*; a full-length program of surprising video clips, catty comments & socio-political deconstruction. Topics covered include gay sensibility, AIDS themes, gender-play, camp, pop's lesbian makeovers, and more. See Adam Ant's "Prince Charming", Andy Warhol's only pop video, Whitney Houston's tell-tale signs, Depeche Mode's dance moves, Elton John dishing Freddie Mercury, Melissa Etheridge's lesbian utopia, Olivia Newton-John getting "Physical" and a very special tribute to George Michael, among other treats. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 8:30. Tix $7. Adv tix available at A Different Light Bookstore. Info: 703-8650.
Off the Wire: Series produced by ATA, Cityvisions Cable Channel 25 and the SF Community Television Corporation shines the spotlight on 3 more choice cuts of public access prime rib. See *Dada Ras Cathode Salid*, an eclectic forum for video submissions from artists; *Are We On?*, a comedy that defies definition & good taste; and *Potpourri*—a little bit of everything, with a heavy dose of music from some of SF's best bands. 8:30 pm, free. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

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On Exhibit at the de Young: "William M Harnett," the first comprehensive exhibit of the 19th century still life painter's work, on exhibit thru 2/14. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Richard Diebenkorn," a major traveling exhibition of paintings by Diebenkorn, plus two programs devoted to discussion of the artist's work, thru 1/24. "Jeff Koons," exhibit of work by the artist, dealing with issues of class, race, fame, sex, wealth & power; on exhibit thru 2/7. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: 30th anniversary exhibit highlights the museum's important work in rescuing, preserving, encouraging & exhibiting Jewish art. Thru 2/17. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Annie Leibovitz Photographs," exhibit covering 20 years' worth of work, 1/27-3/14; "Maximum Repose: Portraits by Ansel Adams," thru 2/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner," 72 original drawings on exhibit thru 4/18; "This Modern World," exhibit of work by cartoonist Dan Perkins aka Tom Tomorrow, thru 2/14. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.

Eye Gallery: "Famine in the Horn of Africa," work by photographer/physician David Heiden, on exhibit thru 1/23. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Sarah Moon: Unlikeness," recent photos by the French photographer & filmmaker, thru 1/21-2/27. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Madeline De Joly: Libraries of Confluence," on exhibit thru 2/21; "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," 2/27-4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our Fingers," works by political refugees & survivors of torture in Latin America, 2/27-4/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Walter/McBean Gallery: "In Progress," an exhibit of work by visiting faculty. Thru 1/18. "Fragen an Beuys (Question to Beuys)" invitational exhibit dealing with the ideas of German artist Joseph Beuys (1921-1986), exhibit includes works by several young artists acknowledging Beuys' continuing influence on contemporary art. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

University Art Museum: "Edvard Munch and His Models, 1912-1944" on exhibit 1/20-3/21. "Cecilia Vicuna: El Ande Futuro," exhibit of evocative sculpture by Chilean-born artist Cecilia Vicuna, thru 1/31 in Matrix Gallery. "Max Ernst: The Sculpture," exhibit of work by this central figure in the Dada & Surrealist movements, thru 3/7 at UAM/Pacific Film Archive. "The Television of Dennis Potter," 36 programs, a retrospective of dramas by one of British television's most acclaimed writers. Includes Potter's "The Singing Detective" and "Pennies from Heaven" series, as well as the "Blackeyes" and "Casanova" series, single episode TV dramas & 3 films. All programs presented at UAM/Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: Paintings & collage by Amy Trachtenberg, on exhibit thru 1/23. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Vision Gallery: "Ruth Bernhard: The Gift of the Commonplace," still-life photography by the revered master photographer, on exhibit thru 1/16. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: Works by gay artist Nayland Blake, plus SF artist Bette Burgoyne's "Head," a series of sculpture & drawings. Thru 1/16. 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Richmond Art Center: "A Sense of Place: Public Art Projects & Proposals," exhibit examining the role of artists from different ethnic & cultural groups in public art in Calif, thru 3/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Cards 'N Jazz Sports Art Gallery: "It's Not A Photograph," exhibit of original & limited edition sports art by Dan Smith. 1/25-29. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm. 1528 Pacific Ave at Polk, SF. Info: 474-1096.

ATA Gallery: "Child Support," window installation & gallery exhibit by Kathryn Fitzgerald & Laura Gravell. Thru Jan. Artists' Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Singing in the Stone Gallery: "Figuring in Drake's Equation," paintings by Steve Fegan on exhibit 1/20-2/20, reception 1/20 7-9 pm. Hrs: Sat & Sun 1-4 pm. 2115 Taraval St, SF.

ARU Gallery: "Visual Autopsy: The Artist's Perception of Existence," a group show with sculpture by Greg Bailey, print by Bruce Botts, mixed media by Mary Button Durell, painting by Michael McDowell, painting/print by Paul Moshammer and print by Kirk Stoller. On exhibit thru 1/30. Hrs: Noon-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF.

NIAD Gallery: "A Stitch in Time," exhibit of fiber arts works by Rose Kelly, Joanna Lindsly, Sara Long, Faith Ringgold, Ed Rossbach, Susan Thompson & Katherine Westphal; thru 2/28. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

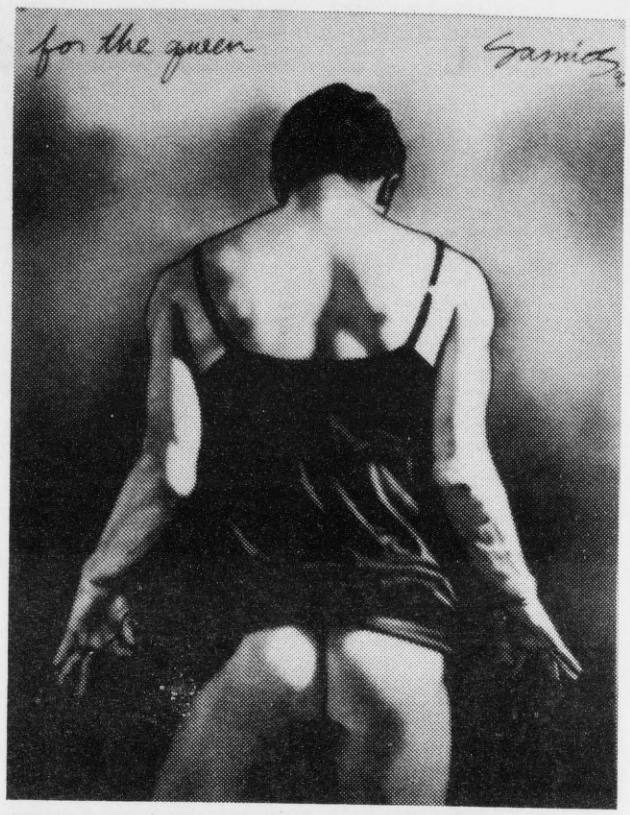
Richmond Art Center: "A Sense of Place: Public Art Projects & Proposals," work by Seyed Alavi, Kim Anno/Ruth Morgan, Daniel Galvez, Archie Held, Doug Hollis, Stephanie Johnson, Sally Nelson, Mie Preckler, John Roloff, Terry Schoonhoven & John Toki, on exhibit thru 3/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm, Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

"Leslie Andelin: Recent Work," oil paintings on canvas on exhibit thru 2/6 at The Bearded Lady Cafe & Gallery, 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Opening reception 1/25, 7-9 pm. Info: 626-2805.

Artwork by Cynthia Seawomyn on exhibit thru 2/15 at The Brick Hut, 3222 Adeline, Berkeley. Info: (510) 658-5555.

William Samios: "Recent Charcoal Drawings," on exhibit thru 2/28 at Architects & Heroes Gallery, 207 Powell St, SF.

"Songs of My People," exhibit of over 150 black & white images taken by 46 African-American photographers throughout the United States. On exhibit 1/30-3/7. Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.



William Samios' charcoal drawings at Architects and Heroes Gallery, SF, thru Feb. 28. Galleries has details. Photo by William Samios

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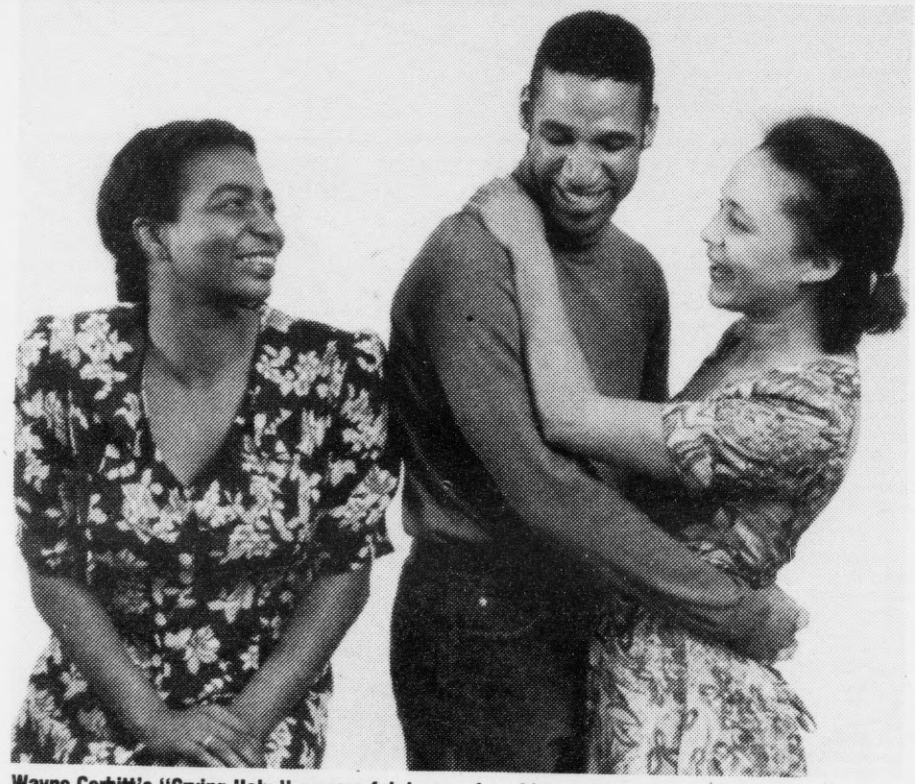

Wayne Corbitt's "Crying Holy," a powerful drama of an African-American family thrown into turmoil by the HIV$ diagnosis of its eldest son, at Theatre Rhino Jan. 16-Feb. 20. Check OnStage for info. Photo by Steve Savage

A Snake in the Vein by Alan Bowne. Explosive two-character one-act set in a NY drug clinic. A sensual, shattering black comedy. Theatre Rhino production. Run extended thru 2/6 at Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm. Info/res: 861-5079.

Together Again for the Very First Time, a delightfully comic romp thru the music of Broadway, with Jose Sarria, aka The Widow Norton and Tommi Rose, star emcee of Finocchio's Nightclub. Show runs Sundays only, 1/24 & 31 at 4 & 6:30 pm at The Blue Muse, 409 Gough St at Hayes, SF. Info/res: 626-7505.

The Colored Museum by George C. Wolfe. Hilarious, fast-paced, satirical revue examines the roots, heroes, behavior & aspirations of African-Americans. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, matinees on Sat at 2 pm, Sun at 3 pm. Tix $11-25. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St nr 14th, downtown Oakl. Info/res: (510) 763-7774.

Two Kafka One-Acts by Open Egg Theatre: **In the Penal Colony**, psychological drama in which an explorer, an unwitting spectator at a public execution, is asked to condone or condemn the method of execution. **A Hunger Artist** is about a man who "fasts" as a form of entertainment. Previews Wed-Thurs, 1/27-28 at 8 pm, $8. Opens 1/29 at 8 pm, $12; runs Thurs-Sun thru 2/14 at 8 pm; $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Once in a Blue Moon, cabaret musical featuring Scott Grinthal, Ann Marie Gutierrez, Greg MacKellan and musical director Lauren Mayer. Score includes forgotten, familiar & peculiar songs of great Broadway composers of the '20s, '30s & '40s. Runs Thurs-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 6 & 9 pm, Sun at 3 pm; thru 1/30. Tix $15. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 989-9132.

Timon of Athens by William Shakespeare. Satirical drama of a nobleman who runs out of money. Thick Description production. Runs weekends thru 1/31, 8 pm, at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Tix $8-12. Info/res: 621-0507.

Love (Sic) a multimedia performance piece by Art of the Matter & Marin Theatre Co, examining the realities of love, sex & aging for 3 women in their 40s. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 1/30 at 8:30 pm, $12. 397 Miller Ave, Mill Valley. Info/res: 388-5208.

The Hole by Ken Prestininzi. Stark yet human story of an underground man. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 2/14 at 8 pm. Tix: $7-10 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat ($10 for srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged), $8 Sun. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Baby Dance by Jane Anderson. Gripping emotional drama questioning current attitudes on class, racism & the value of human life. Wanda & Al, a poor Louisiana husband & wife, must make a heartwrenching decision about the child they can't afford to keep. Runs thru 2/6. Tix $13-28. Info/res: (408) 291-2255.

A Normal Life by Erik Brogger. An arranged marriage promises to bring "a normal life" to a talented spinster in this endearing portrait of a Jewish family in 1930s New York. TheatreWorks production. Runs thru 2/7 at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Info/res: 329-2623.

Crying Holy by Wayne Corbitt. Powerful two-act drama of an African-American family thrown into spiritual turmoil by the HIV positive diagnosis of the eldest son. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 2/20 at 8 pm. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Rover by Aphra Behn. Rollicking comedy of amorous intrigue, set in the 17th century. Palo Alto players production. Runs thru 2/6 at Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. Tix $14/16. For showtime & other info call 329-2623.

What Ever Happened to BB Jane? Offical gala re-opening of this popular show, with a new cast of musical characters. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Limited six-week show opens 1/15 at Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat, $15/17 at door. Info/res: 626-5455.

Image & Smoke by George Williams. A single father enters the lives of an African American PhD, her conservative husband & their friends; resulting in an open class confrontation & the disintegration of their "successful" marriage. Play is a daring break from the message plays currently in vogue in African American theatre. Tabu Road Repertory production. Runs 1/15, 22 & 23 at Lisser Hall Theater, Mills College, Oakland. Tix $8 gen'l, $4 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 430-3308.

Volpone by Ben Jonson. Berkeley Rep production of the 1606 savage comedy. Play previews 1/15-19, opens 1/20, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Thurs matinees at 2 pm, thru 3/5. Tix: Preview $19, opening $31, Tues-Thurs & Sun $24, Fri & Sat $31, matinees $23. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Family Secrets by Sherry Glaser. Acclaimed one-woman show by Sherry Glaser looks at three generations of five members of a middle-class Jewish family. Play runs 1/20-21 at 8 pm and 1/23 at 8:30 pm. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 North San Pedro Rd, San Rafael. Info: 479-2000.

Boy in the Air by Don Bajema. Play chronicles the loss of manufactured innocence in post-WWII American culture thru the coming of age of Eddie Burnette, a poor white trash innocent who is confronted by domestic & cultural violence. A Intersection for the Arts, Sansei Productions & Exponential Arts production. Previews 1/15-17, 19 & 20; opens 1/21 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sun thru 2/7 at Intersection for the Arts Theatre, 446 Valencia St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-3311.

Candide, music by Leonard Bernstein, book adapted from Voltaire by Hugh Wheeler, lyrics by Richard Wilbur with additional lyrics by John Latouche & Stephen Sondheim. Berkeley Contemporary Opera production of this witty & glittering satire runs 1/20-30 at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $25 preferred, $18 gen'l, $6-10 stdnts. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

Little Train by Edgar Poma. Play examines how Filipino core family values are impacted by changing times, when a Filipina magazine editor decides that it is in her parents' "best interests" to be cared for in a rest home. Teatro ng Tanan ("Theatre for Everyone") production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sat & Sun at 4 pm, thru 1/31. Mission Cultural Center Theatre, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, in adv, $12 at door, $8 stnds, disabled & srs. WA. 1/30 performance is a gala benefit fundraiser for Teatro ng Tanan & includes after-show reception, all tix $15. Info/res: 252-7566.

Brava! for Women in the Arts' 5th Annual Taking Shape Series: Features 4 weeks of excerpts from works in progress by women playwrights. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm at Brava! Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant St at 20th, SF. Tix $7-12 SL Thurs-Sun, $8-12 SL Fri & Sat. Jan 21-24 program: "The Trials of Jane Doe," by Erica Essner, performed by Essner & dancers, featuring hit songs such as "She's Delusional," and "Are You a Scorned Woman?" sung by the Senators at the Clarence Thomas hearings. Elli Greenbaum's "The Mustard Seed," Elisheva mends & embroiders her way into a new identity in Hitler's Berlin. Monique Martin's "Cracked!" a raw & uncompromising journey toward recovery. Sandra Rogers' "Texic Shock Syndrome," a long tall Texan and an East Indian woman discover what they have in common, besides speaking of themselves as whole continents. Reservations suggested: 641-7657.

All Passion Unspent a dramatization of the lesbian affair between Vita Sackville-West and Violet Trefusis, produced by the League of Lesbian Actors (LOLA). Play runs 1/15-16, 22-23 at 8 pm in the Gold Room, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, Santa Rosa. Tix $10-12 SL. Info/res: (707) 545-7720.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Communty Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts. SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV+ Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30

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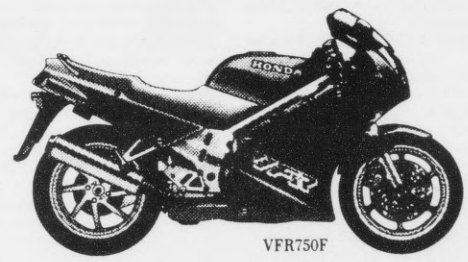

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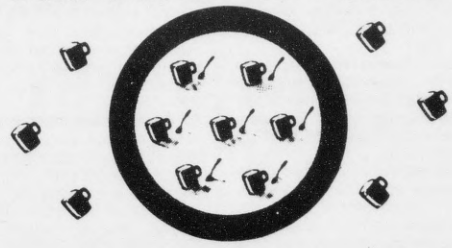

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Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family mernbers. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in-Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-In Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with

"The East Is Red," a 'lesbian-tinged' action film in Cantonese with English subtitles, opens on Jan. 22 at Great Star Theatre, SF.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline

428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets twice monthly. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Thurs of each month at 7 pm in Oakl. Info/location: (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Thurs in Mill Valley. Infi: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Cogender Bisocial Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an anthology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, spons by Frameline, is accepting submissions for next year's event (6/18-27, 1993). Work in any genre, length or form by or about lesbians & gay men, especially work by women or people of color, is welcome. For preview pur-

poses, work must be submitted on VHS or ¾" tape. $10 handling fee for return within the US, $15 for international return. For more info & entry forms contact Frameline: PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114 or call (415) 703-8650, fax (415) 861-1404. Entry deadline: 3/1/93.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.
Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing'plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.
Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.
Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.
Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.
G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.
Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard :rained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, :ap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.
Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.
Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

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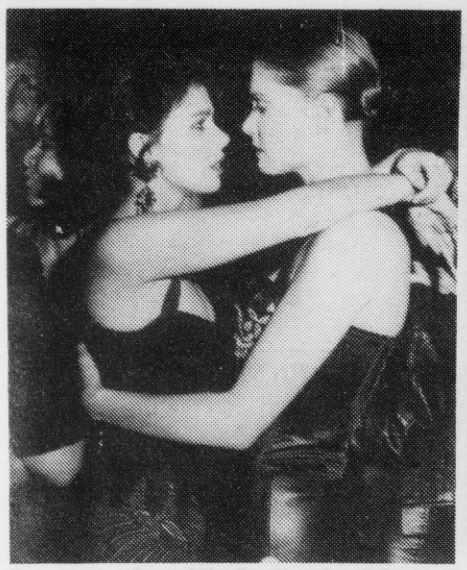

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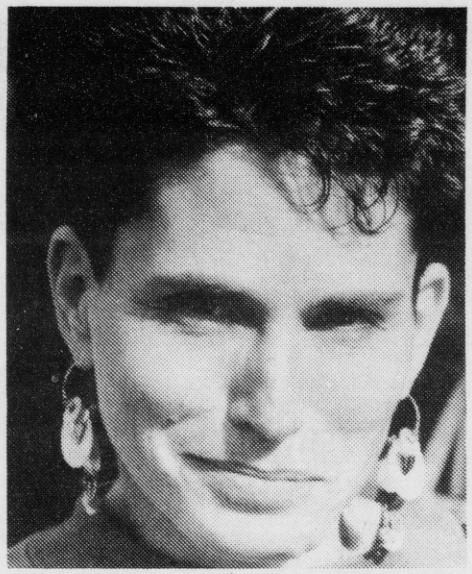
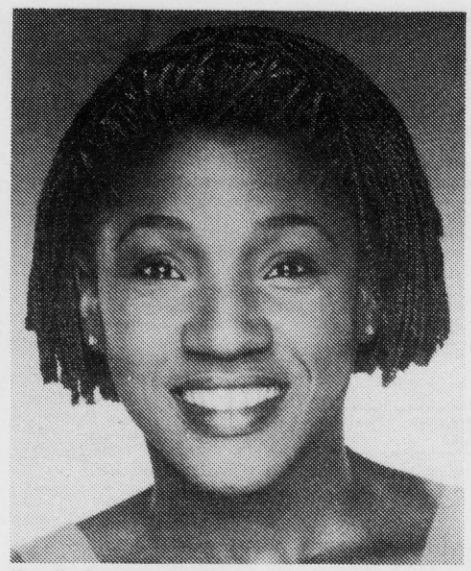


Jyl Lynn Felmans reads from her new book at SF Jewish Community Center on Jan. 21.



Hazelle Goodman performs at La Pena Cultural Ctr on Jan. 24.

Dorothy Allison in a group reading to benefit Small Press Traffic Literary Ctr. on Jan. 25. Photo by Jill Posener

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. MUST BE respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Operation Concern Writing Wkshop designed for gays & lesbians interested in exploring personal experience thru the craft of poetry & fiction. Call Nancy R 626-7000 ext 214 for details.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Wed at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7:30 pm. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center,

2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.
Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sun every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Eastbay Gay & Lesbian Commmittee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wed at 7:30 pm. For info/location call Mark (510) 428-2333 or Therese (510) 524-0540.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Task Force of the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission meets 1st Mon of each month at 5:30 pm in the County Bldg, 70 West Hedding St, lower level, San Jose. Info: Paul Wysocki (408) 275-9211.
1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and National Men's Attitudinal Survey. For info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
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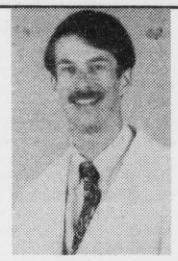

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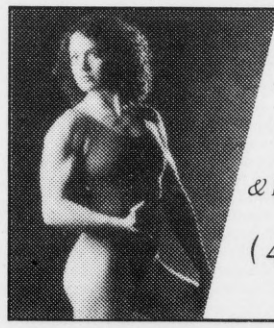

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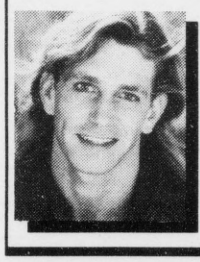

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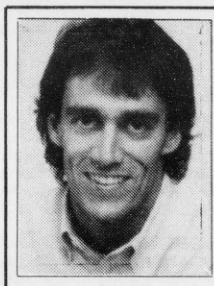

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Language Practice/Social Group for people of color: see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.
Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.
Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.
Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay/Lesbian Spiritual Support Group: Gathering of open-minded lesbians & gays seeking to experience life from a spiritual/metaphysical perspective. Meditation, guided processes, music, sharing, mutual support. Sun 7:30 pm. Info/location: Gregg Tallman 979-6579.
Gay Clergy Support: Group for professional clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers, Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Leaderless Support Group for Lesbians Over 40: Diverse, ongoing group welcomes new members. This is not a coming out or therapy group. Meets Mon eves, 7-9, in SF. Info: Barbara 552-9271 or Eugenia 431-6996.
Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing

carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 431-8146.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 427-4077.
Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.
Society of Janus: nonprofit, nongender or orientation specific group explores consensual non-exploitative dominance/submission, sadomasochism, bondage & discipline relationships. For info write PO Box 426794, SF 94142 or call 985-7177.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4659 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
Flikker Network: Network by, for & about FTM/TSs who identify as gay or bisexual men ONLY. For more info write to Flikker Network, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.
Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.
QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexual, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.
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Year of the Drag Queen

As I perused the letters sections of some of our other local gay papers a week or two ago, I was astonished to see such a backlash over the Freedom Day Parade Committee's choice of Year of the Queer as the theme for the '93 celebration. Even more surprising was the popular opinion that Ggreg Taylor was largely responsibie for the theme. His much-publicized battle to infuse the stodgy and fiscally dysfunctional Parade Committee with some new blood by running for the position of co-chair and then winning, certainly rattled the cages of the old guard. It is generally the older members of the community who are opposed to the word queer, deeming it offensive because of the derogatory connotations of yesteryear, and for some reason they're focusing their fiery and cantankerous complaints and threats on Ms Taylor, making attempts to create another split in the community. It seems just like the type of mental derangement that turns some people into bitter and nasty vipers who get mad if their coffe is too hot or a small child looks at them. I mean, let's write letters about a real issue, not just another little smoke screen to hide other problems that might be a source of shame far worse than say being called a queer and wrongly turning an individual into a media whipping boy and a focus for hatred. So if you can't stand the word queer, fuck off.

Besides, as my friend Jade Semi-precious said, "Wasn't *last* year the year of the queer?" I think she's right. Remember all those pierces, bandanas, bomber jackets and activist-wear chic? You know: "We're here, we're queer, we're rimming with dental dams," etc. For '93 it's a dated concept, not just a word that has offended many and stirred up controversy as if it were "dirty." It's not like Year of the Motherfucker or something, and it's not *au courant*. What is? Well, to the strains of Ru Paul's first single on Tommy Boy Records, "Supermodel," an undeniably joyous piece of self-assured, liberated dance music bound for anthem status, Jade and I decided the parade theme should be Year of the Drag Queen. It's timely, due to a number of drag advances into the mainstream that we've witnessed recently. When has a drag queen ever had a hit single climbing the charts? When has a drag queen ever been featured in *Vanity Fair*? When have we seen more of them on MTV than we are now? Drag queens are huge this year, making breakthroughs like never before, so why not? When it comes down to it, why do most people attend the parade anyway? To see drag queens, of course, and that draw has probably been consistent for over two decades. This historical sense sealed it all up for me: the parade theme should be Year of the Drag Queen. Jade, a drag queen, quite agreed and was off, vogueing down the hall as Ru Paul shouted the first names of the most well-known supermodels in the world over the back beat and Jade substituted her own name over Naomi or Claudia, I can't remember which.

THIS IS WAR

Speaking of opposing forces and drag queens, these things are two consistent subjects running throughout Connie Champagne's one-person theater piece called *This Is War,* which opened on Jan. 8 and plays at 10 pm every Friday night of the month at Josie's Cabaret. Such a fine show as this should have a much longer run but the star is committed to another production in February, when she tackles the role of Neely O'Hara in Phillip R. Ford's multimedia stage production of *Valley of the Dolls.* Perhaps that's why an unknown patron shouted during the show, "Sparkle, Connie! Sparkle!" A line from that gay trash icon of a film. I can't wait. Jade plays Sharon Tate. But enough about that for now, it's time to make reservations for *This Is War* because it's one hell of a fine show.

Connie Champagne's "This Is War": Relationships and the thin line between love and insanity.

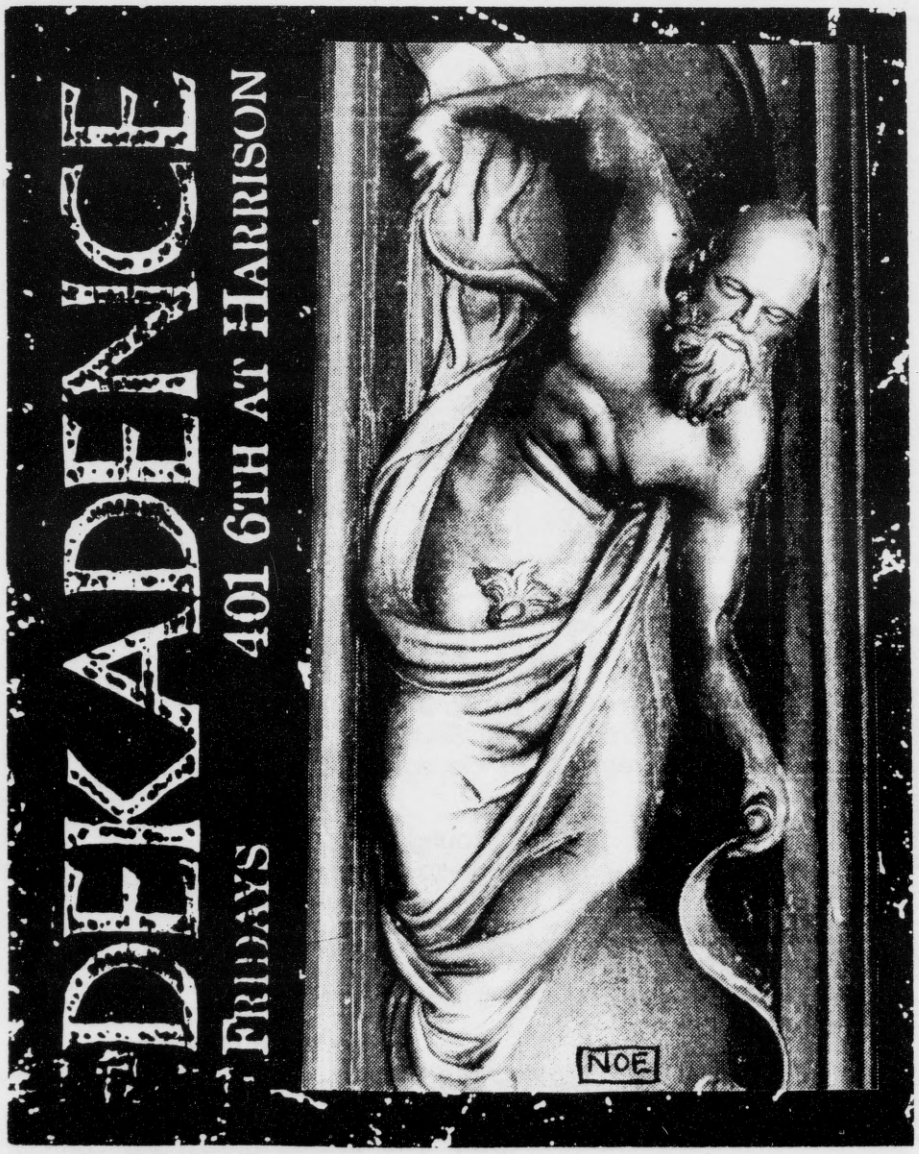
Photo by Marc Geller

Now when it comes to Connie Champagne, I've run out of adjectives as a reviewer or critic. Her local nightclub performances singing some old and new favorites with a fine band have always been rich, with a theatrical sensibility that confirms her craft in that area yet never gets in the way of the rapport she has with a crowd. Then there's her voice, with a strength that can still astonish me after countless sets in smoky bars. She's also the only female performer I know who has properly adopted elements of drag performance and style and integrated them into her persona without looking silly or being dishonest about her influences. For instance, I know that Whitney Houston was never going to be a singer until she saw Ru Paul singing "Star Booty" in the late '70s, but she wouldn't admit that now, would she? Oh no, not Miss Bodyguard thing.

The show opens with a recording of Connie saying, "Hi, I'm Connie Champagne and this is war," ending with a menacing giggle. Then pianist Glen Kelly starts into "The Theme From a Man and a Woman," and Connie comes in through the audience with that great blond fall she puts on, dark cat glasses and a black coat with leopard print collar. It was very La Dolce Vita, a star's entrance, a thought that drifted away very quickly after she got onstage and began to unfold her story, starting with her own conception. As the press release says, *This Is War* focuses on people in love and the thin line between love and insanity, and I don't want to tell you anything else about the show because I hate it when a review tells all and wrecks any chance of surprise. It's not like a work with a big surprise ending to kill in one fell swoop or anything, but it's filled with gems of knowledge gained through pain from a person who's healed enough to talk about it, sing about it and wave goodbye to almost all of it. The course her story takes maintains a great historical sense with accurate and creative references that speak volumes more than actual month/day/year data ever could. It encompassed periods of time that were very important to me personally and a few universal lessons in life and love I'm certain spoke to all people present, and contained other details experienced by those who live in this nation's most provincial metropolitan area, and who have an interest in the arts, music and performance and stay for any substantial length of time. It's an archive of emotion and time, stuff you shouldn't forget.

Vocally Connie was very strong and it was a treat to hear her with just a piano accompaniment framing that magical voice that first hooked me into superfandom. Sometimes her voice reaches a thunderous strength and proportion that even shocks Connie herself, or so it seems when a certain smile crosses her lips and her eyes widen with surprise like she can't believe it. She's also a hell of a storyteller, with impeccable timing and a strong sense of the old and forgotten art of talking for the amusement of others. *This Is War* is a show that finally properly utilizes the multiple talents that lurk in and out of view during her nightclub sets. I always knew that the girl who once sang "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" lying on her back on the floor of Klubstitute was bursting with the talent that *This Is War* successfully melds and showcases.

Finally, since I was so sparing of certain details or moments of greatness in the show, I ought to leave you with something to pique your interest. Learn where Connie got her name, what happened the first time she did drag with a bunch of queens, the true meaning of the word glamour and why life *is* war and the joy of the fight is all we've got. Learn what brought this hardened cynical motherfucker to tears once or twice. And witness live onstage a wig-tossing costume change, aided by the prettiest blond go-go girls in town. *This Is War* is another fine indication that 1993 is indeed the Year of the Drag Queen. ✿



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Smells Like... Seattle

Now enshrined as the hipster capital of America, Seattle used to be a humble, rainy burg in the Pacific Northwest. Often favorably compared with the San Francisco of 20 years ago, before big development, it boasts the highest concentration of espresso machines in the country and a well-documented fashion trend of long hair and flannel shirts. If it sounds a bit like Berkeley, well, there are similarities. Seattle enjoys a liberal political climate, with several colleges and a lesbian on the city council.

Scrutiny of the independent music scene has increased exponentially since Nirvana broke in 1991, and major labels have swooped down to scoop up acts such as Pearl Jam and Mudhoney. Local independent labels like indie powerhouse Sub Pop, C/Z and Popllama have harvested a good bit of the local music crop. These labels tend to be testosterone-heavy, though, which brings us to the central question: ''What about the women?''

Says Seattle native and musician Kathleen Tracy, who's watched ''grungemania'' take over, ''There are a lot of other things going on up here. But, for alternative music that's not grunge, there isn't an infrastructure to plug into.'' She says a more grassroots approach is needed to build a following, but that there's a crossover between queer and straight audiences. ''If you're good, people will come to hear you.''

Seattle's become one of those magnet towns for musicians, and among the transplants is former Vancouverite **Ferron**, who now calls Vashon Island home. Asked about Seattle, she jokingly says, ''It rains all the time. Nobody should come here.'' Yet for all her loyalty to her adopted hometown, when it came time to record a live album, she came down to SF. Ha! *Not a Still Life: Ferron Live at the Great American Music Hall* is a strange, if beautiful, recording, filled with old and older songs delivered in classic Ferron style. The sound is pure SF, with a full house of Ferronistas acting as a Greek chorus. When I reviewed the show last spring, I remarked on the talkiness of the singer, and bits of this chatter dot the finished product. At one point she remarks quizzically, ''Looking at this list of songs, I'm thinking you guys must be wondering, 'What can she be like when she's just alone in her house?' '' Mostly she sings, her gravelly voice occasionally spilling over into goofiness and sentimentality as she encourages the crowd to sing along. It's available directly from her, along with *Resting With the Question*, an instrumental work I haven't heard. Write to Cherrywood Station R, PO Box 871, Vashon Island, WA 98070.

Among the home-grown talent is **Pamela Golden**, who takes an equally singular approach. *Happens All the Time*, put out by Park Avenue, (which is actually a music store) is a marvel of spirit and technology. Golden's ethereal vocals hover over the ambient instrumentals, sometimes to thrilling effect, as on the opener, ''Eerie Song.'' The closing cut, ''If This Is Love,'' has a slinky sound reminiscent of Sade. The New Agey, high-tech approach isn't for everybody, but it's good for what it is. Distributed by Miramar.

Laura Love is making a name for herself as a session player and soloist. The way out Love plays bass, sings and writes in a number of combos. Her affecting if occasionally shrill voice, coupled with strong songs, is heard on three self-releases, the latest of which is *Pangaea*. Love's songwriting is heavy on ideas in the protest vein, with infectious lyrics and melodies underpinned by her whizzing bass. Repeated choruses underlie the themes of the songs, as on ''If You Leave Me Now.'' PO Box 30853, Seattle, WA 98103 and through Zango and Ladyslipper.

Kathleen Tracy gets quite a bit of help from local players on her eclectic tape, *Speaking Stones*. Tracy has a pleasing vocal style, filled out considerably by contributions from Love on bass, Ranch Romance accordionist Nova Karina Devonie, Venus Envy's Linda Severt on drums, and Lisa Theo, formerly of RR, on mandolin, to which Tracy adds her guitar and keyboards. The songwriting ranges from the raveup ''Work to Do'' to introspective ballads such as ''Heart Like a Highway.'' Tracy pegs herself as part of the folk scene, though she allows she has played in rock

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bands. "We have a pretty happening folk scene, and there are people on the harder edge of folk music." Whatever it is, it's quite good. Available from Off-road Productions, PO Box 18481, Seattle, WA 98118-0481.

The dyke mock-cover band **Venus Envy** (Laura Love, Lisa Koch, Linda Schierman and Linda Severt) reworks popular songs into lesbo-friendly anthems. To wit, on *Unarmed and Dangerous*, "Fever" becomes "Beaver Cleaver Fever." It has more novelty value than anything else, but it's fun. They are also responsible for the holiday romp *I'll Be a Homo for Christmas*. Available from PO Box 19501, Seattle, WA 98109.

My Breasts Are Out of Control is the brainchild of **Dos Fallopia**, the comic duo of Koch and non-lesbian Peggy Platt, and a fixture at pride festivals. First introduced as "Compost Morningdew" and "Dolphinfree Tunawomon," they mix satirical songs with brief sketches, such as "Fran and Annie's 12 Step Daycare." Along the way they take on several personae, including country duo The Spudds and heavy metal band The Surly Bitches. "A Camp Song," sung to the tune of "Kumbaya" is an instant classic. ("We wear Birkenstocks. LESBIAN.") Available from Tongueinchic Productions, 1202 East Pike #712, Seattle, WA 98122.

For harder-edged entertainment, one turns to **7 Year Bitch**, a four-woman (or as the Seattle press is so fond of saying, "an all-girl") thrash band. 7YB has carved out a bright future in a short time, via several singles and an appearance on *There's a Dyke in the Pit* with "Dead Men Don't Rape." They were badly shaken by the drug-related death of guitarist Stefanie Sargent, 24, last summer. As a sad postscript, I found this item last June in *The Rocket*, a local music paper: "Girls Will Be Girls Dept.: 7 Year Bitch's Stefanie Sargent and [Minneapolis band] Babes in Toyland's Lori Barbero, two babes with a bit too much spare time on their hands, staged a 'wedding' betwixt themselves. Stef now sports a silver band and Barbero flashes a sapphire ring..." Before Sargent's death, the band had recorded the CD *Sick'em*. The release was delayed three months, but it's now happily available on C/Z. Check alternative stores.

Guitarist Shelley Doty is a featured attraction of the four-piece **Jambay**, who've been making some noise up and down the coast. Doty shares vocal duties with the three men in the band, together cooking up a mix of funk, jazzy improvisation and whatever else comes to mind. Jambay has released two tapes and amassed a bit of a Grateful Dead-type following. Their second tape is *Lazy Porch Dogs*, highlights of which are "Grab On," a country-sounding pop piece and the wistfully folky cut "First Blush." For information, contact them c/o db Productions, 5046 7th Ave., Seattle, WA 98105.

Venus Envy: Subverting the cultural paradigm? (Clockwise from left): Linda Severt, Linda Shierman, Lisa Koch and Laura Love.

"Long-lived punk band" sounds like an oxymoron, but that's the case with the cosexual group **Fastbacks.** The nucleus of this band—guitarist Lulu Gargiulo, bassist Kim Warnick and guitarist/writer Kurt Bloch—has stayed the same since 1980, though the band has averaged about a drummer per year. Combining garage melodies with equally carefree vocals, they produce a briskly poppy, if sometimes sloppy, sound. Though they don't write, the women play a crucial role in interpreting Bloch's lyrics and filtering them through their own androgynous personae. A retrospective CD of ten songs, *The Answer Is NO*, is out on Sub Pop. My favorite song is "My Letters," but all have some appeal and, like the band, make the case that punk is alive and well. One senses that if they *never* get famous and go to Hollywood like Nirvana, well, that's OK with them. Available in local alternative music stores.

There's lots more to say, including a discussion of Olympia, the birthplace of Riot Grrrl, but I'll leave that for another time. By the by, Babes in Toyland are on the bill Jan. 20 at the Warfield. ✿

An Interview With Rhiannon

by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien

Rhiannon is a singer whose work with music and theater has filled decades with jazz, improvisation and storytelling. For ten years she was part of the women's jazz band Alive! and is currently, along with Bobby McFerrin, a founding member of Voicestra. As a solo artist she has produced *Toward Home* and is currently performing in *A Bowl Full of Sound*.

In her performances, Rhiannon takes the listener around the world on a journey to the center of the Earth and one's self. She synthesizes jazz singing and storytelling into a creation of wildness, daring and beauty. She brings us to the edge; we balance on our toes, pondering the choice to stand, leap or soar into the deep stillness filled with our stories, emotions and experience. *SF Bay Times* recently interviewed her at Drake's Beach in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

(SF Bay Times) You bring into a room characters your audience might not normally look at or know about, like many of us haven't been to South Dakota and seen the grasses grow.

(Rhiannon) There's a theme in common with the characters. They live on a certain kind of edge; it's not so far to fall over the edge and just be what people would think of as crazy. I try not to analyze them when I'm doing them on stage. I try to have a raw experience; I just get something going on in me that feels like this is potent. Then I do it and not think of the ramifications of it.

Who is Nora and what's the journey of rediscovering your cultural heritage?

My mother's family is from Norway; where, in that country, is lost. The country goes from sea level way up into the mountains where the glaciers are and then way down to the other side, up through the water. When I was there, I stared at everybody to see if I looked like them, if this could possibly feel like home. I liked their voices and the music. Because of this expansive shoreline in

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Norway, they had a lot of different kinds of peoples come through, but specifically the Turks left the influence of their music.

I had this accent that I just played with. One day in a rehearsal, director Michele Linfante said, "Well, why don't you just take that accent and see who's in there, really." So I sat down at a chair, started to talk, and out came Nora. She was just waiting for me to take her seriously. I named her Nora after my last name, which is Nohr. I grounded the name in some of my ancestry, but I don't know where she comes from. I remembered an apron my mother had made for me years before, and I thought it was just the loudest, most Midwest-looking apron that I'd seen. It's a patchwork apron, like a quilt, all those wild kind of pieces of fabric that women have left around in scraps. I took it out, and it's Nora's apron.

She's very much her own person and says what she wants to when she comes through, if I get out of the way and don't edit her. She's not so fond, really, of talking about her children and her husband. She's more interested in telling about her insides, her creative self, longings, yearnings, expressions of beauty. She probably lives close to the edge of going mad in the situation where she lives, being a wife and mother out on the prairies with nowhere much to go, not much of any culture to get next to. She carries a kind of desperation inside of her. She does go out and get naked in the grasses; does singing out there and things that would seem very strange to other people.

When you were in South Dakota, did you find yourself playing in and singing to the grasses?

I sang to whatever was in front of me, around me. We lived on a farm. I could sing as loud as I wanted. If I was alone, I was really alone. I remember feeling like I could make a lot of sound and it wasn't a problem. Really early on—eight years old, maybe—I was given strokes for singing. I was aware my singing made people happy, that it was a way for me to express myself, get attention, be honored. Ultimately I knew it was my way out of South Dakota; it was gonna give me a life.

So you don't question it now?

Like whether I should or shouldn't do it? No, never. How I should do it, where I should put it, the next project, those are ongoing questions. But I have so much faith that it's gonna work out. When it relates to singing, I'm aware that I'm on a jet stream of some large energy that doesn't have

to do with my fears, failings, assets or whatever. That's a *really* great gift. I don't have to stop all the time and question it. It's scary that you're not gonna get where you're going, but where you're going is all sideways, backwards, upside down; and that's how you get there.

I was an actor for a while before I came back to my singing. I was going to cattle calls in New York City, trying to get into Broadway and off-Broadway shows. Then I did little strange dinner theaters in various cities in the South, and I was in a street theater and wandered all around.

Was it hard to stand in those cattle calls?

Terrible, disgusting. I'd do it at lunch hour and then I'd come back to my office, crying at one o'clock every day. I learned a lot about myself: who I was, who I wasn't. I started getting an image inside unconsciously that I was looking for my uniqueness because there's nothing like standing in a cattle call with 200 other women, looking for one role, to realize I'd better figure out who I am that's different from everybody else or I'll just fade into the woodwork and won't make it.

Finally now it seems like I'm headed into a place that belongs to me. I'm putting theater back into my music. I'm learning to tell stories about my own life. I feel like I'm coming into a place of usefulness with my work.

How do you look at success; what is it that satisfies you?

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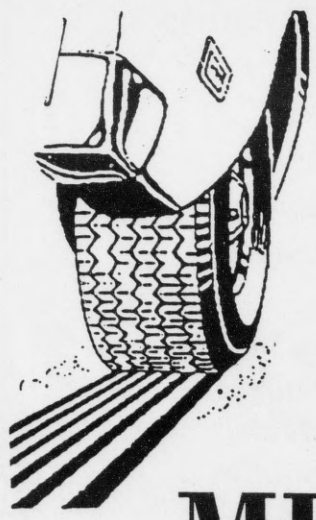

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on the farm when you're surviving: You try to make things useful, to make machines work, crops grow, get the heat in. You know, it's *useful*. It occurs to me as I'm saying this, my father is going, "*Exactly*! I've been trying to tell you that for years!" Nothing esoteric, just make it work! It's really come down to that, because if I'm useful I'm gonna work hard, put myself in good places, have myself connected, be working with people that are interesting to me. I've been driven in my life by success; it's embarrassing to say.

You're not alone though, Rhiannon.

No, I know, but it's still embarrassing; it's very American. In all the television aspects, I wanted all of that. That's what I was doing going to those cattle calls. It was about trying to get in, get in; get into the wheel, the *mainstream*.

I had the grace of working with Alive! and that started me being aware of usefulness, because I felt that our music gave people strength, opened people up. Each one of us got to deepen in our resolve to make our work matter because we were in a situation where it did. We saw how much you get back and how much more you're able to give. It kept coming along in the way it was meant to come along, which was in smaller increments. All of a sudden one day I said to myself, "Oh, I *am* successful. I can stop looking out there; it's already happening." We had all this admiration and love. We didn't make a great living but we *made a living*.

Do you ever have a critic that gnaws at you?

When I come off stage and I have an ache or an "ugh" somewhere in my body, it just means I edited, I didn't do it quite the way I was feeling it inside. My mind messed with it. So I come off stage and then I set about forgiving myself. It's improvising, for heaven's sake. It's not perfect. Sometimes it's filled with my ego and my messiness. I don't let Nora through clearly or I, whatever. *So what, so what*. My work is teaching me how to live the rest of my life. It's teaching me how to forgive myself in other places. It's huge, singing, because it's on sound waves. It enters me and other people in a way that's beyond words. It comes into you faster than you can resist it. It's graceful and messy, delicious.

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I had eaten at Caffe Delle Stelle almost a year ago, just after they opened. At that time, the one-room cafe offered a simple menu of delightfully prepared Northern Italian fare: pastas, salads and desserts were cheap, honest and hearty. I enjoyed a subtle pumpkin manicotti, with sage and rich green olive oil, while a large man sang arias *a cappella* in a corner of the restaurant. I prayed for the cozy cafe's success.

A recent expansion added more tables to the now two-roomed cafe with counter seating; an almost perpetual wait at the door attests to the popularity of the locale. How do the changes affect the quality of the food, the charming service, and the overall effect? I was more impressed on my first visit. This time I found the overhead fluorescent lighting imposing, the piped-in music annoying and alternatingly too low or too loud, and service sluggish. A fine display of Italian products ranging from wine to anchovies to pasta adorns the shelving behind the counter and adds a casual touch.

The cafe has casual down. Boxes of wine with their ingredients scrawled on the sides in red marking pen ("Pinot Grigio," "Chianti") serve as pedestals for gorgeous purple and green cabbages and onions. Lighting in the second, newer room is thankfully soft and incandescent, although you may have a better view of your neighboring tables than you had hoped for since they're all a bit close. Wines and mineral waters served in tumblers and white butcher paper covering the white tablecloths complete the scene.

Florence-born Enrico Sbolci and Chilean-born Hugo Boye oversee the operation nightly (Sbolci in the kitchen, Boye out front). The pair met years ago and worked together for Spectrum Foods and Il Fornaio before branching out on their own. The food is homestyle, in deference to Sbolci and his fond memories of family meals. Service is oddly indifferent to the wait at the door; feel free to leisurely enjoy and finish your meal without scowls from the host stand, as you'll find in so many other spots.

In general, appetizers come quickly and are generous. An order of **Scamorza** ($6) brought a slab of broiled smoked mozzarella cheese, gooey and intensely flavored, with a muddled melange of "wild mushroom ragout," mostly onions with a sliver of porcini here and there. Someone sliced the beef **Carpaccio** ($6) with the grain rather

than across, resulting in a tough, disappointing plate of raw beef rather than the familiar pleasure it could have been, dotted as it was with shaved red onion, sharp arugula and a nondescript "truffle" oil. (No *grana*, as the menu read, and not a hint of truffle essence.) The special soup, **Zuppa ciocara** ($4) tasted like Grandma's best: cabbage, beans, and rice in a soothing broth deserves praise, if not for originality, then for comfort. I expected the **Rotolino** ($5.50) to arrive hot, but I very much enjoyed the chilled roasted eggplant slices wrapped around seasoned ricotta cheese, topped with a fresh-tasting tomato-basil sauce and a colorless olive oil.

After a noticeable pause had elapsed between courses, our entrees staggered to the table. **Boscaiola** ($8.50), a hearty dish of "wild mushrooms," onions, tomatoes and white wine with small pasta tubes, tasted muddled, with hardly any mushroom taste at all. The impeccable **Ravioli** ($8.50) paired tender, light pasta squares stuffed with ricotta and spinach with a zesty tomato sauce and tangy roasted eggplant slices. Wishing pumpkin manicotti were on the menu, I ordered the **Agnello** ($8.50), cannelloni made of heavenly pancakes stuffed with chopped lamb, rosemary and potatoes, napped with a sage-infused brown butter. This dish was the most interesting and leads me to believe that the chef's *forte* is in stuffed items. The half roasted chicken, or **Pollo** ($8.50), convinced me that the recipes are mere memories of Tuscan-born owner Enrico Sbolci's childhood. The huge chicken half comes with a pungent and amateurish sauce of balsamic vinegar and fried garlic cloves, and roasted potatoes.

Why skip *gli dolci* when everything, for the most part, was coming out so well? So, asking myself once again, "What is the classic **Tiramisu**?" I dived into this homestyle version, with coffee liqueur and espresso-soaked ladyfingers layered between mascarpone cheese. A dinner companion observed that in Italy, unlike the way it is served here, tiramisu comes plainly, with a flat top and square sides. Simple and classic. An awesome **Budino**, or pudding, was more like a strudel, with walnuts, raisins and sweetened ricotta cheese sparked by cinnamon and nutmeg in a spiked thin sauce. A chocoholic's fantasy, the dark and white chocolate **Semifreddo** brought a slab of this rich terrine, with a light, creamy texture enhanced by a whiskey-cream sauce. All desserts are $3.95.

An enticing breakfast menu with items such as **Breakfast Risotto** with nutmeg, honey and dried figs, and a famous **Smoked Chicken & Apple Sausage** with sweet polenta may create an entirely new crowd of early morning diners. Given such extremely reasonable prices, Caffe Delle Stelle becomes an inviting choice for a smart lunch or dinner.

AROUND TOWN

What is it about **Vince** (Hayes at Gough)? Everyone seems to be talking it up, and, yes, it is a fun spot, with a neutral atmosphere (white walls, accented with picture frames here and there), lively music, and pretty boys (read: a doll of a maitre d'hotel). But, BUT, what's with the food? *Salami and cured olives? Five dollars? Cold one-half roast chicken*? A plate of *Spinach with currants and pine nuts*? The menu is clearly bizarre—creative, I guess one might say. I say this is strictly bachelor food—passable, edible bachelor food, but still bachelor food, and if I go back to Vince, it won't be for the food.

So I needed an alternative tapas bar in the Mission whenever the wait at **Esperpento** happened to be too long. **Timo's** in the Zanzibar (842 Valencia) could be just the spot. The bar and dining room are painted an exotic turquoise, service comes smiling and quickly, but the tapas come off missing something and somehow all tasting alike. A little more salt in the spinach, more anchovy in this, less heat on that. Kudos, though, on the *allioli*, the Spanish garlicky mayonnaise known across the border as *aioli*, delicious on roasted potatoes, simple crusty bread, or steamed mussels. On the right night, with the right group ordering the right dishes, I suspect Timo's hits the mark. ✿

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JoAnn Falletta, music director of the Women's Philharmonic.

Spring Preview

As the spring season gets underway, coinciding with Bill Clinton's first 100 days in office, it's time to see what we will be listening to here at home. Some of us wonder what will happen to the general funding of the arts, with the new administration operating under economic austerity. In the Reagan-Bush era, funding matters were secondary in importance, in view of the more pressing concern over the "family values" agenda of blatant and concealed censorship affecting art in general. Thankfully (I guess), most of the music I listen to tends to be protected from right-wing attacks, only because (I'm sure) far-right conservatives are too dumb to hear the eroticism and sensuality of a piece of music, unless it's been spelled out in the lyrics for them.

In fact, under Reagan-Bush, major professional and established arts and and music groups did rather well in their private fundraising efforts, which allowed them to accomplish some impressive projects. As the rich got richer and had even more superfluous income than before, they patted themselves on the back by donating money to major and established professional music and art organizations, and in effect exploited art and music in a gesture of self-aggrandizement.

Well, the rich could do worse with their money (and many did), but as always the big losers were the smaller, grassroots and cutting-edge arts groups—organizations that often take on projects at odds with the Bush-Quayle agenda—which received no public funding and were too obscure to raise any meaningful amount of private money.

Well, enough said. My recommendations for the coming spring season start with the Women's Philharmonic. Don't think for a minute that you're paying lip service to "P.C.-ness" by attending a WP concert. In fact you will be hearing orchestral music of the highest caliber, while exposing yourself to a rich body of instrumental literature virtually unavailable anywhere else. Any of the three remaining WP concerts offer adventuresome and interesting programing, but I'm particularly interested in the next two, which highlight music for brass.

Led by conductor JoAnn Falletta, WP's own principal horn player Krista Smith will be the featured soloist in the premiere of Carol Barnett's *Concerto for Horn & Orchestra* on Feb. 6. In the same program, mezzo-soprano Stephanie Friedman (who was heard recently as Omar, a Palestinian terrorist, in John Adams' *Death of Klinghoffer* at the SF Opera) will sing *Four Early Songs*, by Alma Mahler (who was discouraged from composing by her husband Gustav, though he later regretted it).

On April 3, Victoria Bond (WP's brochure, too cutely, says, "The name is Bond. Victoria Bond.") will guest-conduct the WP in the world premiere of Bond's own *Urban Bird*, a saxophone concerto featuring soloist Cynthia Sikes. Both these concerts will be presented at the First Congregational Church, at Post and Mason Streets. Call the WP office for tickets or info at (415) 543-2297.

Another good bet is Chanticleer's *Auf Deutsch* concert. As much as I love the Renaissance stuff this all-male ensemble does all the time, I can't wait to hear what these guys will do when they venture into my favorite music literature and apply their superb musical sensibility to German Romantic repertoire. This all-German concert will open typically with Renaissance music, with pieces by Senfl and Isaac, and will then conclude with Schubert's *Gesang des Geister uber den Wasser* and Schumann's *Die Rose Stand im Tau*. The *Auf Deutsch* program will be presented on Feb. 26-27 at SF's Calvary Presbyterian Church, in addition to performances outside San Francisco. Call (415) 896-5866 for tickets and info on other concerts in Chanticleer's season.

Sunday afternoon, March 7, in Berkeley's Hertz Hall, the leading early music prima-donna Emma Kirkby will present a recital with lutenist Anthony Rooley, performing favorite pieces from the baroque repertoire (like Monteverdi's *Lamento d'Arianna*), as well as vocal music by Barbara Strozzi (born in a musical family, she belonged to a musical society in 17th century Italy, and became one of the earliest known women composers of prominence). A must for coloratura addicts. Call Cal Performances (510) 642-9988 for tickets.

Of the more regular musical fare, the best bets at the SF Symphony will probably be the late Bernstein's *Candide*, in a concert performance led by David Zinman and with Maureen Forrester as the "Old Lady" (April 21-25). Also at the Symphony, Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky*, performed with the Eisenstein film, will probably be interesting (Feb. 3-6). Among the wealth of vocal recitalists appearing this spring, try to see the fastest mezzo in the world, Cecilia Bartoli (at Berkeley Zellerbach Hall, on Jan 29); baritone Hakkan Hagegard (Jan. 26 at the Herbst Theater); and that chunk of womanhood called Jessye Norman, appearing in recital at the Opera House (May 23).

Finally, just so that my vocal music bias doesn't become too obvious, let me recommend the Concerto Amabile's (Kathleen Kraft, flute; Elizabeth Blumentstock, violin; Elisabeth LeGuin, cello; and Phebe Craig, harpsichord) concert titled *Les Gouts Reunis*, a chamber concert of French and Italian baroque music (Couperin, Vivaldi, Corelli), by one of the Bay Area's most charismatic ensembles (May 15 at Berkeley's First Congregational, May 16 at SF's Calvary Presbyterian Church.). Call SF Early Music Society for tickets and info, (510) 528-1725. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

Six Degrees of Separation

John Guare's serio-comedy, *Six Degrees of Separation,* is based on a true incident a few years back when a charismatic young Black man insinuated himself into the lives of several Upper East Side New York liberals (including the dean of Columbia's School of Journalism) by professing to be a classmate of their children (conveniently away at school). Guare took the news item and converted it into a comedy of social manners that has had remarkable success. (The playwright was sued by the real impostor, David Hampton, for $100 for compensatory and punitive damages. The suit was dismissed.)

Guare is eager to make the point that he is not satirizing rich, chic liberals, but rather examining a social set so self-absorbed and isolated in their fashionable routines that they eagerly jump at the chance to believe a stranger's unlikely tale of adventure—while that same stranger is screwing them out of lodging, food and ready cash. (One wonders if those same well-meaning liberals would welcome a poorly dressed, less articulate and imaginative street person into their homes.)

The play, directed by Jerry Zaks, is self-consciously clever, manipulative, facile and more than a touch meandering in its focus. But the playwright paints a complex canvas and his sudden switches of focus make the point that *his* reality and *my* reality may not be *your* reality. What we choose to see and believe is as much a matter of faith as it is of fact—hardly an earth-shattering premise. But that any story has two sides is nicely reinforced by the play's centerpiece, a large Kandinsky painting that slowly revolves to reveal an entirely different Kandinsky on the reverse side.

Successful art dealers Ouisa (Marlo Thomas) and Flan (John Cunningham) Kittredge rush onstage and begin addressing us as though we were their confidants at a cocktail party. They interrupt each other, correct each other, deliver gossipy asides, and race ahead to tell us the following story.

While the Kittredges are entertaining an old friend from South Africa, who has promised to come in with $2 million on a Cezanne purchase that will be rolled over for a tenfold profit on a sale to a Japanese buyer, their doorman barges in. He has in tow a young, bloodied Black man (Ntare Mwine) who says he is a classmate of their children at college. His facts are impeccable and ingratiatingly delivered. Dressed in the *de rigeur* tie, blazer and khaki pants, he claims that he had come down to New York to meet his father, Sidney Poitier, who was flying in the next morning, when he was mugged and all his money was taken along with his briefcase containing his thesis.

Paul is freshened up, given a clean pink shirt, and within minutes has charmed his hosts with stories of his background abroad, the "exclusive" that his father will be directing the film version of *Cats,* and a spellbinding analysis (though recited much too fast) of *Catcher in the Rye* as a textbook of anarchic behavior. He whips up a delectable dinner from some refrigerator leftovers and in return is given the key to the apartment, a bed, and $50 so he won't feel strapped.

Fearing that he has overslept, Ouisa opens the door to his bedroom in the morning and discovers him humping a street hustler he has smuggled in during the night. Poitier's son or not, he and his trick are shown the door.

Anxious to tell the tale to their two best friends (Holly Barron and Philip LeStrange) they are

Marlo Thomas and Ntare Mwine in "Six Degrees of Separation." Photo by Schwartz/Thompson

beaten to the punch by their friends' same tale of being taken in by Sidney Poitier's son. A detective advises the couples of the con game and puts them in touch with another victim (Victor Raider-Wexler), whose son is also away at school. Convened for questioning, their various children narrow the culprit down to a schoolmate (Richard Wofford) who was in love with Paul and who taught him how to dress and speak properly and fed him information about his rich friends for sexual favors. Less appalled by the con man than the other children, the Kittredge's son Woody (Colin Mitchell) can only express outrage that his parents gave Paul his favorite pink shirt.

A final couple, two naive young Mormon lovers (Patrick Fabian and Deirdre Lovejoy) add their story to the others. The young man loans Paul their last $200, and is seduced by him, which he admits to enjoying. The story takes a turn toward the tragic when he learns that the missing Paul has betrayed their trust.

The play's title, *Six Degrees of Separation,* suggests that everyone in the world is separated by only six acquaintances. Just find the right six in-between people and you can connect with anyone. To Ouisa, Paul is a romantic affirmation of the concept.

Six Degrees of Separation continues at the Curran Theatre through Jan. 21. Tickets at the theater box office, 445 Geary Blvd, or call (510) 762-BASS.

The Valentine Touch

When a musical hasn't got heart, it hasn't got much going for it. And for all its advance ballyhoo, *The Valentine Touch* failed to move me beyond mild appreciation for some of the performances.

Rumored to have been in workshop for several years (*Guys and Dolls'* Faith Prince did an earlier staged reading), the revised book is credited to former gay porn star and present companion of singer Margaret Whiting, Jack Wrangler. Broadway lyricist Hal Hackady has come up with some clever and off-beat rhymes for the singers and local composer Bob Haber has written 18 serviceable songs, several of which are bouncy and charming, if not particularly innovative or memorable.

The Valentine Touch is directed by Neal Kenyon, best known for his stewardship of the constantly revived *Dames at Sea,* which catapulted Bernadette Peters to fame.

But *Dames at Sea* had heart. Spoof of old movie musicals that it was, one did care about the characters. Even the villainous leading lady had heart.

Loosely based on an O. Henry short story about a turn-of-the-century safe cracker and con artist, Jimmy Valentine, the musical begins with Valentine's release from prison. The musical's anti-hero (Bryan Torfeh) hurries back to his loved one, Lil (Lucinda Hitchcock Cone) and the $100,000 of stolen loot he stashed in her chandelier. But Lil (in a performance clearly copied from Vivian Blaine's Miss Adelaide of *Guys and Dolls*) has allowed her chandelier to be repossessed by the banker/landlord (Roland Scrivner) from Willow Run, Idaho. In less time than it takes to sing "This Is Love, Isn't It?" in front of the curtain, the entire cast has headed west to recover Jimmy's nest egg.

First Jimmy meets and romances Ellen (Beth Wilmurt), the banker's daughter. This draws Lil, now disguised as Jimmy's sister, into the melee. She is attended by her friend and real estate swindler, Hattie, who is introduced as their aunt. Dink, Jimmy's sidekick (in a delightful performance by Dan Donohue) is simply Dink. John, Ellen's nerdy, hometown, would-be suitor, is played by Loren Nordlund, who performs and dances with considerable flair by Loren Nordlund. Robert Keefe, in a dashingly befuddled role (with pasted-down hair parted in the middle) is Detective Ben, on site to nab Jimmy when he makes his first false move. Jimmy and Ben have a nice duet, "I Kinda Like Ya," delivered with macho tenderness.

I particularly liked Ellen's sweet, soul-searching solo, "Miss Invisible," Jimmy and Dink's romantic advisory to John, "She'll Get You Yet," and Lil and Hattie's almost-show-stopper, "Send a Woman." Lil also does a fine job on "Everything I'm Not" in the second act, a funny though poignant number. Hattie gets her star turn on "I'm Getting Off Here," a number with some terrific lyrics but not much of a musical line to carry the content.

Torfeh, as Jimmy, delivered an interpretation that was pretty much on the surface. He impressed me as a scoundrel, but not as an endearing one. Hitchcock Cone, as the tough dame from New York, played the role too hard from the beginning, failing to suggest the vulnerability that would win our hearts when she finally wins Jimmy's. Many of the musical's funny lines fall to Denise Lor's Hattie. Early on she remarks about Keefe's Keystone Comedy detective, "And to think they carved that whole man out of a single block of wood." Later, wooed by the banker, who dangles a diamond lavalier in her face, she pleads, "Oh, please don't, I'm on the wagon."

Written and directed for its old-fashioned cartoon concept, *Valentine* would have impressed me more if the two romantic leads, Jimmy and Lil, had been directed with more believability and less caricature in mind. If the author doesn't love them, why should we?

The Valentine Touch continues at Concord's CitiArts Theatre through Feb. 20. Call (510) 671-3388.

Love (Sic)

Love, sex and aging are the topics under consideration by three women—Helen Dannenberg, Deborah Slater and Joyce Cory—in an evening of song, dialogue and movement at the Marin Theatre Company's Sal Lieberman Studio.

Previously workshopped last summer, this performance piece is now directed by Mary Forcade. Lauren Elder's set design, a mattress and box spring standing upright at a cockeyed angle (sex gone awry?), serves as a screen behind which the women retire to change costumes. Bob Davis, who composed and performs the musical accompaniment, provided one of the evening's most surprising and pointed feminist moments when he stepped onstage and took a curtain call in full—but understated—drag.

What *Love (Sic)* promised in its news release (a look at "women's issues in the foreground of the national socio-political debate," the concerns of today's middle-aged women: "family vs. career, sex vs. intimacy, the 'battle zone' between the sexes"), and what it delivers, is a different matter entirely.

In 19 brief numbers, some solo, some ensemble, these talented and ingratiating performers barely scratch the surface of their stated themes, and seem to zero in on unsuccessful marital or just plain sexual relationships. With director Forcade at the helm, one might have anticipated a more critical analysis, and direction with a go-for-the-gut determination. If I assume correctly that the women are interpretive-movement artists rather than vocalists, it may explain their tentative projection of the show's lyrics.

Slater is the recipient of seven NEA choreography fellowships. Dannenberg, who has also received several NEA fellowships, states, "There is not enough theater being done by women about women, so we are doing it." Cory, a California Arts Council artist-in-residence at a recovery center for alcoholics and addicts, is committed to "the challenge of making women's theater that will invite men in and not polarize the sexes."

While their skits offered reflective, almost passive attitudes and responses to the break-up of relationships, I expected angry disorientation and then a show of onward-and-upward resolve. Middle-aged or not, gentle resignation just doesn't cut the mustard these days.

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Keystone All-Star Festival

Reviewed by Scott Cady

Keystone Korner Yoshi's has done it again. The reincarnation of San Francisco's once-upon-a-time stellar jazz club in Oakland has proven that jazz is alive and well on the local scene. The main holiday attraction was an all-star festival that included some of the most formidable names in jazz. Trumpet master Freddie Hubbard headed an octet consisting of Bobby Hutcherson on vibes, Bobby Watson on alto sax, Mel Martin on tenor, Mulgrew Miller on piano, Lenny White on drums, Jess Chambers on bass and Jerry Gonzales (Fort Apache Band) on congas.

The group was assembled especially for this engagement and perhaps it's this adventurous booking philosophy more than anything that has catapulted Yoshi's to its fame as the best jazz club on the West Coast.

The incredibly diverse biographies of the players reflect their impressive and enduring stature in the music industry. Freddie Hubbard, *the* influential trumpet man, was recently voted the best trumpet player in the world by the *Down Beat* Reader's Poll. Bobby Hutcherson, who sets the vibes to speaking on their own, is at the height of his creativity. The alto work of Bobby Watson is nothing short of astonishing, and BeBop and Beyond's Mel Martin rounds out the section. The rhythm section is one of the tightest and most placed that I've ever heard. Together, during the hour-and-a-half set of varying configurations, this octet exemplified jazz at its peak.

The entire group pounced on the opener, "Mr. B.C.," and pushed it to the limits. From Miller's relaxed, flowing piano progressions to Hutcherson's precision mastery of the vibes and Bobby Watson's electrifying alto solo, this was prime stuff for the top of the set. Hutcherson's "Cruisin' the Bird" allowed the master to stretch his truly virtuosic musicianship, and during "I Hear a Rhapsody" Bobby Watson was granted *his* opportunity to shine with the rhythm section. The gospelish duet between Hubbard and Mulgrew on "God Bless the Child" was downright inspirational, as was the entire band's take on Miller's "Soul Leo." A luscious ballad followed with Hutcherson again producing his special magic. The entire group returned for Hubbard's signature, "Red Clay" and it was "Wow!" time. It was KJAZ night at the club and the station's music director, Bob Parlocha, presided.

Thanks go to Mel Martin and Yoshi's for making this event happen. Let's hope they can put this dynamic octet together again at some future date.

This week it's Poncho Sanchez and Mongo Santamaria in a Latin Jazz Summit; Viva Brasil plays for dancing Sunday, Jan. 18; the Ray Hargrove Quintet plays from the Jan. 19-24; and the jazzy Kitty Margolis warbles on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Call (510) 652-9200.

Jose Sarria and Tommi Rose in their dramatically fabulous "Together Again for the Very First Time."

Sex/Love/Stories

Now that he's a household word, what's new to say about Tim Miller? One of the NEA Four who were denied government fellowship funding, Miller's reputation has only been enhanced by the media exposure. He's talented, sincere, graceful and attractive. He looks as good buck-nekkid as he does with his clothes on. (Most men don't.) And he's still hot under the collar about his role as an "activist slutty queer point of light."

Miller's current show at Josie's, *Sex/Love/Stories*, a melding of sections from previous performances, is a review of a decade of personal growth as an advocate of ACT UP action.

"Sex... love... war... AIDS," he intones from the rear of the room, and then comes forward to announce, "It's election day, 1992." He begins his odyssey by telling us that he and his friends lettered signs saying "Honk if you've dreamed of having sex with Bill or Al," and brandished them at freeway on-ramps. Some drivers, he admits, crossed three lanes to shout invective at them.

Miller had earlier followed his hitchhiking thumb from Whittier to San Francisco to New York and back to Southern California (pausing occasionally for sexual—if not romantic—escapades on nude beaches). Each of his learning chapters is closed with a hand gesture, the words "Time passes," and an excruciatingly searing jolt of strobe light.

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Allen Ginsberg with an invitation for cappucino. No matter, he found other satisfaction at Land's End before being importuned by the promise of food to join a Hare Krishna bus into the wilds of Marin. Fed, but rejecting their invitation to become a member, he once more found himself following a hitchhiking thumb.

"Time passes." In New York he reveled in the joys of miscellaneous sexual encounters and revolving relationships until AIDS defined new sexual behavior.

"Time passes." Back in Los Angeles he demonstrated the urgent need for an AIDS ward by stabbing a sackful of sand and letting the metaphor trickle through his fingers. L.A. General added the ward, but too late to serve the need of a dying friend.

"Time passes." At an ACT UP demonstration he is arrested and tossed into a holding cell with 24 "cute boys." As though on cue, pants are dropped and the cell becomes a writhing orgy of sexual release. Miller remarks of that incident—probably with more truth than satirical intent—that the arrested lesbian activists in an adjoining cell utilized *their* time to found a video collective and were well into plans for their first film.

In 1989 Miller co-founded the Highway Performance Space in Santa Monica. He currently teaches and performs. Senator Helms' tactics have in no way slowed down this dedicated activist. He has recently been awarded a different NEA fellowship.

Sex/Love/Stories continues through Sunday, Jan. 17, at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. at Market. Call 861-7933.

Jose and Tommi, Together Again

Long live Jose, Nightingale of Montgomery Street. Yes, Jose is back and in good company with Tommi Rose, MC, at Finocchio's. Produced by Gerry Proffet, directed by Chuck Largent, and with musical accompaniment by the unflappable Sheldon Forrest, the in-and-out-of-drag Jose and Tommi are delighting audiences at the intimate Blue Muse restaurant/cabaret.

One hesitates to refer to a living person as a local landmark, but what else would one call Jose? A political activist when it wasn't chic to be one, Jose has been telling off the establishment since the early '50s. In those days his opera performances at the Black Cat on Montgomery earned him the moniker of "Nightingale" from Herb Caen.

Oddly enough, Jose sings just as well today (maybe it's the new corset) as he did then, though his voice is a bit more mature in timbre. Way back then he dubbed himself Empress I, Widow of Emperor Norton (the self-proclaimed Emperor of San Francisco who printed his own money that some banks, indulgently, honored). Thirty-some years ago Jose even ran for supervisor, was laughed at by City Hall when he insisted there were 10,000 gay voters in residence, lost his bid, but was *not* humiliated by the final vote count.

Tommi Rose, whose extensive wardrobe would play havoc with Princess Di's annual allowance, has sung for his supper on the RSVP line, and has performed in such cities as Vegas, London, Madrid, Rio and at Finocchio's, in San Francisco.

In this cabaret outing, the two ladies romp through two dozen numbers of sass and camp and occasional serious singing that's sheer delight to eye and ear. All goes well in their opening medley until Jose, put off by Tommi holding a note too long, slaps the piano and announces, "That's enough, Mary. I give up." A second duet, "I Found a Million Dollar Baby," has undergone a lyric operation, and is now the story of a Polk Street hustler. Jose's solo on "Making Whoopee" occasioned his aside, "I've studied it, rehearsed it and now I'm forgetting it."

"Confessions," from *The Band Wagon,* was nicely sung by Tommi and Jose did a fine Fanny Brice bit on "I'm an Indian."

Tommi tied up most of the audience (literally) with yards of red ribbon while letting his tenor loose on "Help Me Make It Through the Night." Both singers then joined in an impressively simple duet from *The Will Rogers Follies,* "Never Met a Man I Didn't Like."

After a brief respite for cocktail replenishment, the ladies reappeared swaddled in furs which, when cast aside, revealed that both had purchased the same designer dress. Horror of horrors! Withering glances! Bitchy mutterings! And a duet of "Bosom Buddies."

Tommi cooed through "Broadway Baby"; Jose, in Widow Norton drag and a walker, sang "Wait Till We're 65"; and Tommi—now in a Bob Mackie sheath of many colors—warbled "Night and Day."

Reprising his inimitable *Carmen* portrayal from the '50s, Jose sashayed in red ruffles and mantilla and sang a complete three-minute, multi-language version of Bizet's tragedy. (Long ago advised by attorney Mel Belli that obscenity laws only apply to the English language, Jose has since been careful, when singing of certain anatomical parts, to pepper his arias with colorful words in Spanish, German and French.) He sang not only Carmen's role but Don Jose's and Escamillo's parts as well, interrupting himself only once to announce that he felt a cadenza coming on. Stabbing himself with a butter knife, our Carmen died bravely to an onslaught of "Bravas." She confessed she would like to die three or four more times for us but her contract specified only one death per performance.

Silver-sequined, Tommi now appeared and purred, a la Monroe, through "I Love a Piano," while ensconced *on* the piano. A dowdy Jose in hair curlers and bathrobe flounced through the innuendos of "Handyman," and Tommi, quick-changed in a Ziegfeldian peacock costume of electric blue, begged us to "Treat Me Like a Queen."

For the finale, both joined voices on "Make the World a Little Younger."

Fine time had by all. The show has been extended through February. Go see it at the Blue Muse, 4 and 6:30 pm, Sundays only. Call 626-7505. ✿

film

Barry Walters' Video World: Pop Goes the Queer!

by Val C. Phoenix

"I've never seen so much crinoline on one person before." The subject is k.d. lang's appearance on "Arsenio Hall", in which she'd traded her butch image for something more along the lines of Marie Antoinette, much to my surprise and that of pop critic Barry Walters. "There are certain performers who you see as reflections of yourself, and seeing them mainstreamed on a talk show is weird," he concluded.

Much has been made of the "queer sensibility" that pervades pop culture, albeit often cloaked in ambiguity. Pop music critic for the *San Francisco Examiner* and *The Advocate*, Barry Walters contends that this sensibility entered the mainstream through pop music video, particularly MTV, in the 1980s. His views will be put to the test in a program of queer pop video at the Castro Theatre on Jan. 28. The program, an update of one he did at the SF Lesbian and Gay Film Festival last summer, runs two hours and is sure to titillate the taste buds of those hungry for lesbian and gay images on the screen.

What makes something queer pop video? Barry says it's an instinctual reaction to the image, whether overt or covert. "Something will strike you. It's too familiar in a way—like with k.d. lang—and it strikes you as something of yourself. Because you're so bombarded with images that are not like yourself, you have a reaction to something that's *anything* like yourself."

This can be anything from Whitney Houston donning a tux and winking at a woman in one of her videos, to a clip of a leatherclad Rob Halford of Judas Priest pleading with a man not to walk out the door. These, of course, are just examples from the film festival program. Barry wasn't sure when I spoke with him what the final clip list would be.

But, in the interest of name-dropping, we can say that it's *probably* a safe bet you'll see Madonna, WHAM!, k.d. lang, Ru Paul and Queen.

Erasure as Swedish group ABBA in a clip from Barry Walters' queer pop videofest.

More women will be featured than in the original, though there's still an imbalance. "There'll be more sexually oriented stuff, definitely," he promises. He's also looking into getting some "early '80s really tacky groups" like Spandau Ballet. I know this much is true.

Barry himself holds a fascination for ABBA, the '70s Swedish supergroup that has seen a resurgence of interest, in this their 25th anniversary year. A bit of a dancing queen himself, he wrote an essay on them for the *Village Voice* and says, "There's something in the presentation. I mean they're a silly pop group, but within the larger context of a pop group the women project as strong personalities as the guys, if not more. The guys are as effusive as the women. That is an example of how you can look at something that is supposed to be the product of two straight couples getting together to make money."

The program is broken down into segments based on themes, such as drag, androgyny, AIDS, and muscles. One segment he may create is "Women and Nature"—the way closeted lesbian singers are portrayed in their videos. "They don't want to stick them with a guy, because it would be too hypocritical [the music biz hypocritical? NO!], so they put them outside in a field or something."

Though he does include one section on performer closet-cases who come out in their videos, Barry warns, "It's a dangerous thing to read intentionality into art. Pop video is such an abstract form. It uses fantastical imagery to catch your attention." The ultimate intention is to get you to buy the record, after all. Asking Melissa Etheridge about the L sign she seems to make with her hand in one of her videos, he says she replied, "There goes my unconscious talking again." And since performers are surrounded by queer video directors and art directors, "it's gonna sneak up."

It's all in the context. Viewed side by side, the videos and clips show a new side of these performers, one we may only have glimpsed in snippets or missed entirely. "If you blinked, you might not notice Whitney Houston making eyes at this person. What all of us do is we're constantly pulling this stuff up from mass culture to our own consciousness. I want to share that with people," says Barry. Think of it this way, he suggests: "Here's my little clandestine collection of videos and you're sitting in my basement." It's a big dishfest, really.

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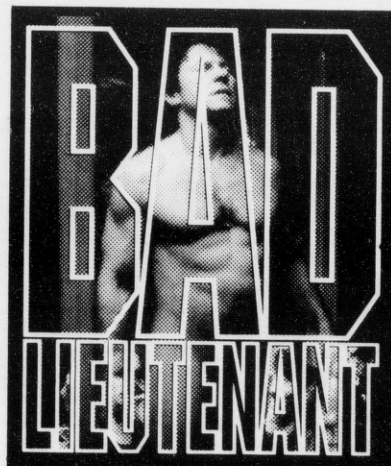

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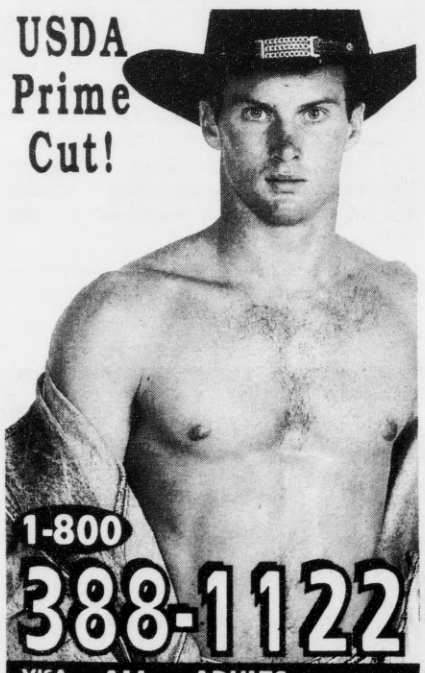

the leather chronicles by St. clair adams

Titles—Pros and Cons

What are the pros and cons of being a titleholder, performer, producer or any other public figure working for charity? Do these people live up to their accepted responsibility? Does the community expect too much from them?

All of these questions are on the basis that chosen positions working for charity most often come without pay. Most often people have out-of-pocket expenses for their events. The majority of titleholders experience the presumption that they can be at all functions at one time. What is forgotten sometimes is these people have personal and professional lives as well. As a former titleholder myself, I can say with great conviction that it can be a very thankless job. The rewards come from knowing that you have contributed in some way to making your community better and more enjoyable. That may sound corny, but it can be truly understood when you've lived the experience.

Is it right for the community to expect something from these titleholders? Yes! I feel it is the responsibility of the producer of a contest to outline the rule of reign before the contestant agrees to enter. Since winners know what will be expected, they have no excuse if they do not fulfill the agreed task. As for the community, it has a responsibility to support its chosen representative and give a little bit of praise. Again, these people are not being paid to do this job and need your encouragement.

I have noticed a great change in the efforts, energy, and creativity of our titleholders the last couple of years. The hard work of people like Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern Cal. Leather '92), Lenny Broberg (IML '92), Blair (IMSL '92), Lupe Rosenbaum (Ms. SF Leather '92), Audrey Joseph (producer), Mr. Marcus (columnist), Alan Selby (producer), Rick Salinas (charity organization executive), Don Thompson (Leather Daddy VIII), Emperor Douglas and Empress Velveeta, and Nova Lei (Mr. Gay SF '91), all deserve a standing ovation. They have all contributed toward making the leather family the most united subgroup of the gay culture. Thank you!

I hope you all made it through the holidays all right! Not many events are planned for this time of year because of all the private parties everyone throws. Don't get too relaxed, though; the events season is just around the corner. Send me a press release—as early as possible—if you are planning an event. Mail to PO Box #4, Redwood City, CA 94064.

SANTA ROSA AREA

Saturday, Jan. 16: Join the "Shirt off your back" auction at the Santa Rosa Inn starting at 2 pm and continuing until 7 pm. Terry Foster (Ms. Russian River Leather '93) and Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern Cal. Leather '92) will be selling leather goods donated by a variety of titleholders and other well-known people. Who knows, you may even be able to take a personal article off the model in private. Take the Santa Rosa Ave. exit, go about a quarter of a mile; you will find it on your right.

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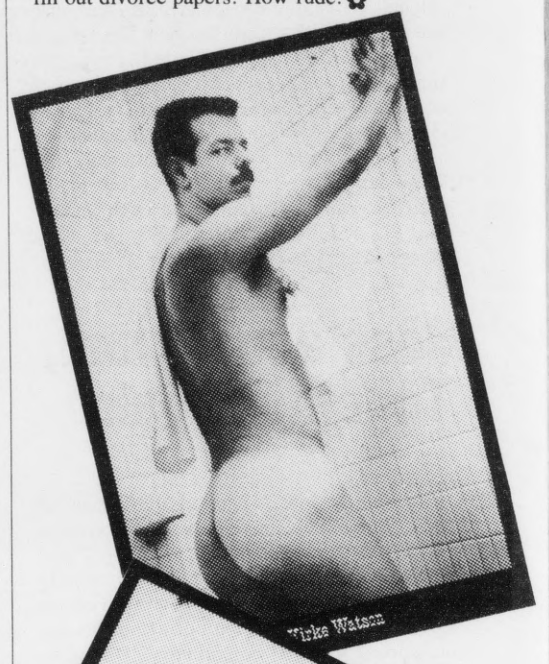
MS. SAN FRANCISCO LEATHER '93

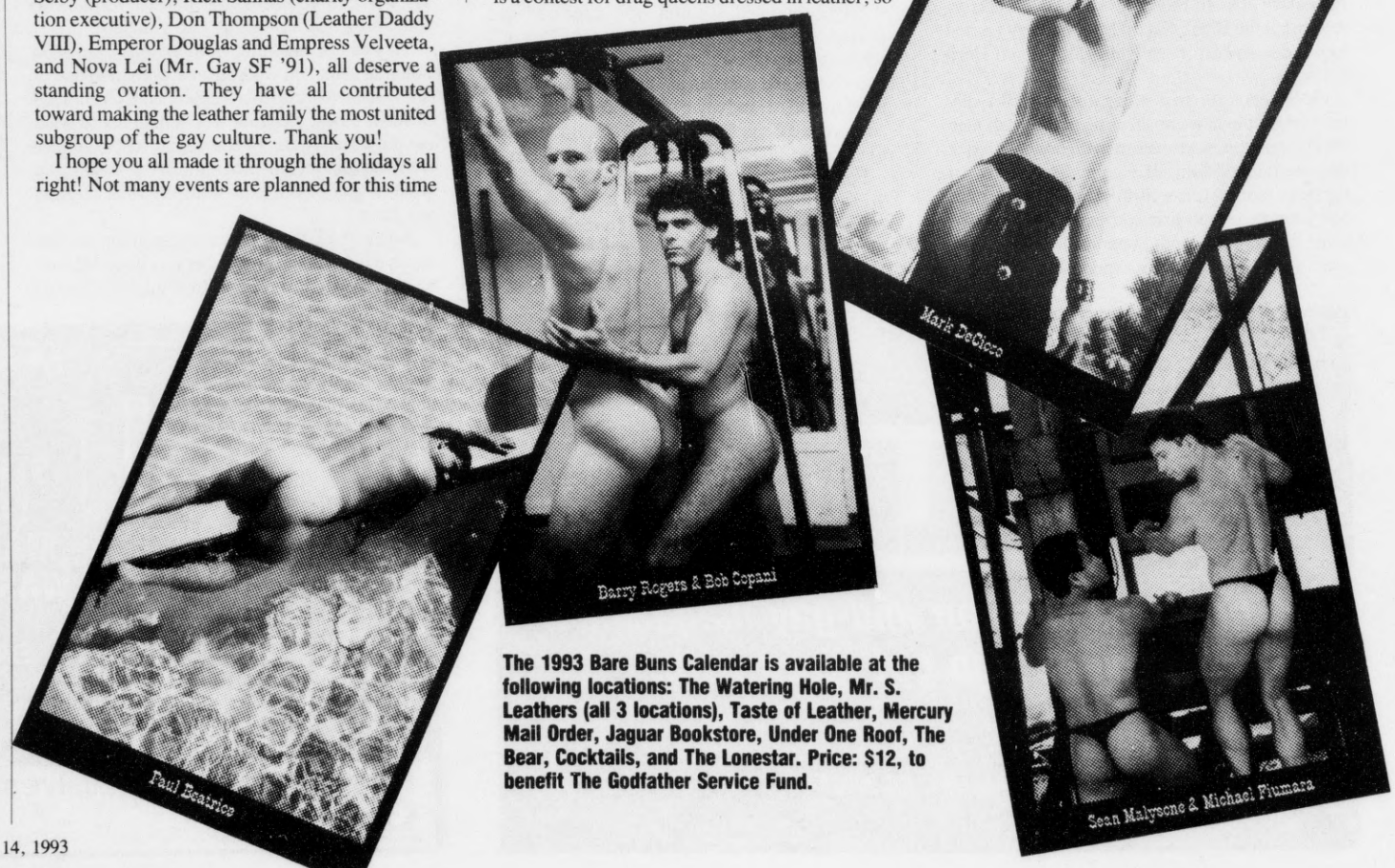
Saturday, Jan. 23: "Breaking With Tradition: A Leather Rage" will be held at 174 King St.; doors open at 8 pm. Mega fantasies and talented entertainers will keep you in your seats, but a little cruising is permitted. The producer for this event is Audrey Joseph of Fantastic Realities Unlimited. The reigning Ms. SF Leather, Lupe Rosenbaum, has been working hard all year and has been found everywhere. She has promoted many contests around San Francisco, so we will have a lot of contestants entered in the Ms. SF Leather competition. I will not be able to attend because of a business convention in Palm Springs. Sorry, but I will be represented by my photographer BJ (The Photo Wizard). Good luck to all of the contestants.

Also the same night: The Miss Central Valley Leather contest happening in Fresno at the Metro Underground. Doors open at 8 pm drag time. This is a contest for drag queens dressed in leather, so be prepared. It is promoted as a camp contest, and I'm sure it will be a lot of fun. It is co-produced by the Yosemite chapter of the Knights of Malta and Teddy Bear Productions. So, maybe you can "drag" yourself to Fresno for a good time?

MS. SACRAMENTO LEATHER

Saturday, Jan. 30: Fetish, Fantasy, and Fun is awaiting you in Sacramento. The 1993 Ms. Sacramento Leather Contest at Joseph's Town & Country, starting at 8 pm GST. Carolina (Ms. Sacramento Leather '92) will be passing her title on, but has expressed interest in continuing her efforts. She will be joined by her current husband of state, John Yant (Mr. Sacramento Leather '93) for most of the evening. At the end of the night, the fickle John Yant will leave Carolina and take another woman as his wife of state. He didn't even fill out divorce papers. How rude! ✿





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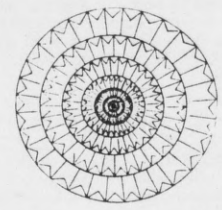

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Champagne
And a little Suzanne Ciani (music by). I'd like a little romance with a lesbian, over 35, intelligent & humorous, with varied interests (just like me!). I'm not going to list everything I like or don't like, otherwise what's the point of going out? However, I will tell you I don't like films with subtitles or bowling and I can occasionally be cynical or acerbic. "But I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and doggone it people like me!" So call ★★3343.

If
"I'm not the woman in red, I'm not the girl next door. If something in the middle's what you're lookin' for, I'm that kinda girl." Looking for your kind of girl if you love to love, talk, hug, dance, hike, laugh and believe lovers should be friends first. I'm a 40ish, tall, slender, feminine, athletic professional hoping you're proud of your feminine and strong sides, and into keeping healthy and sane. 35-45, No. Bay preferred. PO Box 181, Vineburg, CA 95487 or call ★★3344.

The worst of it
is that I take books to the dinner table and hustle literary theory, have been seen dressed like Laura Petrie gone amiss in Bohemia, can't resist for long making a wry or oblique remark, insist on great food but have been known to eat a stack of Hydrox after macaroni and cheese with sauteed weenie slices, indulge in excessive hygiene, free-associate after sex, read trash or the NYRB slowly in the bath, miss people I never knew such as Shaw Wilde Stein Nabokov Fellini Magnani, subdue society by savoring the symphony, eschew pretense, cliches and indifference but above all moonlit walks on the beach, dream of a woman with a sublime mind, steady demeanor and reason. (And once murmured the name Sally to a Mary.) Reply BT Box JA2A or call ★★3345.

Seeking Friendship/Poss. Relationship
I am a 28-year-old African-American woman. Friendship holds a very special place in my heart. I am financially and emotionally stable. I love to laugh and have fun. I love music, dancing, reading and sports. Age, race unimportant. Give me a call. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. All will be answered. Call ★★3346.

No Ordinary Love
SWF, 32, redhead bombshell with wheelchair disability & atomic energy desires love affairs with women capable of deep love & friendship who like kids (I don't have any yet) and don't hate men just because some are assholes. Sorry no instant lesbian marriages if we choose to be intimate. I have a free safari spirit and can't be suffocated by individuals that love my energy and seek to harness it. Let's be free to explore new life directions, break old patterns, and mostly play. I have a '60s soul and am a rebel with a few causes. I want to meet beautiful wimmin who are healthy, open, independent, playful, affectionate, liberal, down-to-earth and fun. If you know the true meaning of friendship, have gotten rid of old baggage, and are into new discoveries in '93 write me about yourself and include phone number. I love to dance, go places and do water sports, and play pool. I love the movie *Big* & passionate lesbians who can make love through the night and more than once a week. Come take my breath away & show me how deep love can be... Are you a funky diva & a great kisser? Write/phone & light my fire! Reply BT Box JA3A or call ★★3347.

Mouth-To-Mouth
Rescue needed. Woman who likes to kiss, eat, talk, laugh, smoke, whistle, sing, drink, be creative with toothpicks, and kiss more, seeks someone to reduce her to hysterics one minute and to a puddle of desire the next. Reply BT Box JA4A.

Flying With Kundera
To the woman of flight 423 from O'Hare to Oakland... The day was 12/26, you were holding Kundera's *Immortality*. I couldn't help but notice you, but so subtly did I gaze. I was tall (still am) white jacketed, with walkman. I liked your presence. Call me ★★3348.

School Is Out!
Psychology/Journalism student on winter break seeks loving, kind, gentle woman to have a safe, kissing, touching, etc. experience with. I'm Rubenesque, attractive, funny, passionate and more. I hope you're: kind, uninhibited, passionate and sincere. I'm looking for a hot fling before spring semester starts. I'm clean, nonsmoker, non-drinker, non-druggie and HIV-. I love to snuggle and kiss, hope you do too. Call ★★3349.

I Eat Red Meat... Still Interested?
Cute, 27-year-old babe, looking for a certifiably single lesbian (i.e., not semi-attached, not rebounding, not pining over recent love lost), for light fun and a partner in crime. I love sports (watching & playing), writing, Nintendo, kids, great food, spending time with family & friends and general schmoozing. You share the above interests, are not in denial about your "intimacy issues," are between 25-35 & a nonsmoker, drinker or drug user. Most importantly you have an excellent sense of humor and are not afraid to take risks. Reply BT Box JA5A or call ★★3350.

Ready To Play...
With you, if you are bright, warm, fun and not looking for commitment. I am a gorgeous, sober, youthful, 42-year-old—above average height, with a tight, athletic body. I am working on my M.A. in English, busy, independent and rich in friends. I love passionate discussions, analytical minds and adventurous spirits. You are gorgeous, feminine, charming and compelling and want some sizzle with the same. All colors welcome. Call ★★3351.

5'2" & 52
Spiritual, healthy lifestyle, big on personal growth, socially active and playful. And I love to dance! Androgynous lesbian who loves life. For friendship, cuddle-buddies or possible relationship. Call ★★3352.

Old-Fashioned Love
Are you: GWF between 27-36, brown eyes, who is giving, nurturing, romantic; who wants a life-long partner and family; who places importance on communication, honesty and monogamy? No drugs, no 12-steppers; likes dogs, financially responsible, androgynous—femme, morning person. I am 31, hazel eyes, brown hair, with the same characteristics as above. Call ★★3353.

Maybe This Time I'll Be Lucky
I've been trying & trying to meet a partner, but so far to no avail. Looking for strong, positive, hippie type women. Must be clean & sober & nonsmoker, attractive & available. I'm into health foods & exercise. I also go to metaphysical centers for spiritual healing, learning & meditation. I'm not working at this time. I also like TV & dancing. Call ★★3354.

Quiet Times Together
This 40-year-old East Bay professional is looking for someone to share movies, theater, flea markets, traveling (both long trips and impromptu weekend trips), videos at home, quiet gatherings with friends. My weekends are valuable and I want to spend them with that "special, caring person." Only East Bay, Contra Costa and South Bay please. Reply BT Box JA6A or call ★★3355.

Inexperienced
I am looking for someone who's experienced, cuz I'm not, for companionship, affair, etc. I am 36 and I'm drug and alcohol-free. Reply BT Box JA7A.

Midnight Dreams
Do you ever lie in bed wishing you knew a beautiful woman who would beg, jump, shout, kick, climb mountains, swim oceans, wrestle alligators in attempt to satisfy her insatiable oral hungers and to satisfy, excite, adore, fill, stretch, admire, be awed by, praise, kiss, tease, explore, pleasure, pet, lick, mount, intrigue, whisper endearments to, celebrate, fantasize about, dress up, listen to, respect, bite, suck, glorify, comfort, kneel to, exalt, dally on, open up, speak in wonderment of your most erotic, exotic parts? Call ★★3356.

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Caring, Warm, Friendly
And you...? This 40 + WF who is cute, witty, outgoing but shy seeks same for friendship and possibly more. I have been described as big & beautiful (not grotesque) with a sensitive, caring nature, hard-working, energetic and spiritually aware, with a nicely developed sense of humor. My interests vary and I definitely like to learn. I prefer someone who is attractive, on the femme side, slender, professional, discreet and in the 40s range. No drugs, drink or smoke, East Bay please. Call ★★3359.

I Still Believe
In the possibility of a lifetime friendship and love. I like snuggling up with a good book, walking on the beach, talking with friends. Bars, self-labeling and selfishness make me sad. If you are 25-37, nonsmoking, drug-free, self-aware, communicative and hate the idea of meeting through the personals as much as I do (but I don't know what else to do) then call ★★3360.

Intellectual Slut
Can you talk as well as you fuck? Can you do both well at the same time? This 30-year-old, femme-butch, ex-Northeasterner, writer, seeks a 501-clad, cowboy booted femme top with a sexy voice, nice breasts and a sarcastic sense of humor for mind and body eroticism. Tattoos, musical and culinary talents welcome. Call ★★3361.

Back Up And Push
You are a sweet, semi-tall, FTMish, boy-identified lesbian, and I am an adventurous, smart, wise, sexy femme and we could have lots of low-pressure flirting on or off the dance floor. Or at the ocean or river. Missed your ad once—not willing to wait till you try it again. Other similarly inclined lesbians looking for entertainment, not marriage, please call ★★3364.

Fuckbuddies Club
Looking to gather a group of women for the fuckbuddies club. Here's the parameters I have in mind: safe sex positive, not looking for marriage or any variation thereof, maintaining a loose group dynamic, not too restrictive on the personal habits. We will coordinate "field trips" to the Ecstasy Lounge/Bedrock or do erotic monthly rituals of our own design and work on developing a network of dykes who cater to each other's erotic fantasies. Open to S/M, but not exclusive. Come on out of the woodwork, girls. This is a sexual revolution. Call ★★3365.

I Think
Sex is sexier when not mixed up with doing the laundry together, dishes in the sink, or who did or didn't feed the cat last. I'm looking for an affair, not marriage, though I'm not adverse to a relationship evolving if that seems right. I'm independent, 44 yrs. old, slightly post-modern of center, with a life, friends, interests, and plenty of opinions. My inner child long ago grew up and moved away, but I've recently gotten in touch with my inner Barbara Stanwyck and she's rather fun. I think of myself as the most cynical girl in the world, but I'm probably not. I'm a loyal friend and I'm not moody. What turns me on? Smart women who know what they're doing. Reply BT Box JA8A or call ★★3362.

Someone Special
Attractive, prof., GWF, late 40s. Health-conscious & fit; love music, sports, travel, beaches, weekend getaways, animals, outdoors, flowers, good food, creature comforts, movies, plays, concerts, adventure & surprises. I am caring, honest to a fault, understanding, smart, sincere & friendly. You: GWF, 38-50, femme, non-fat, financially & emotionally secure & can relate to most of above. Romance & a long-term relationship are my goals and friendship is a good start. Call ★★3363 or write Box 108, 2261 Market St., SF 94114.

May Our Next Last
If you are personally magnetic, have a candor that attracts trust, respect integrity and honesty in yourself and others; if you are self-assured, self-possessed, lustily feminine, 42-52, and have energy, deep convictions, warmth, intelligence, com/passion, sense of humor & honor, are unpretentious, financially stable, able to non/verbally communicate, have an uncommon beauty, don't smoke, drink mainly with meals, would seriously consider country living in 3-4 years, and are not a mirage, I'd like to meet you. I'm a youthful mid-sized/40s androgynous, monogamous writer of upstanding character, sense of humor & purpose, Mediterranean genes, attractive exterior (interiorly a bit cynical/skeptical but salvagable), financially solvent, environmentally mindful, indomitably optimistic, forthright, earthy and cerebral, with a shy and tender side. Transition finds me on the threshhold of the 2nd half of my life, the feeling bracing, renewing. We both seek someone to read to, massage, converse & joke with; share dreams, dinners, impulses, silences, inner & outer journeys with; go on walks, cycling, to movies & museums with; bring flowers home to, sharpen minds and soften hearts with, lean against, embrace at day's end. What we have learned through our sorrows—having dived, peaked, plateau'd and emerged joie de vivre intact, still reaching for the brass ring—is that love alone is never enough, is just the cornerstone, the foundation. Being eternally playful while profoundly serious, we want our next to last. So we're cautious risk-takers ready to build again, knowing that if you don't risk anything, you end up risking even more. If enough of this sounds promising, and you really aren't a mirage, please write thought/fully of yourself to Boxholder, BT Box JA9A or call ★★3366.

What Valentine's Day?
Is it really almost Valentine's Day? I guess. OK! How many people out there made the same New Year's resolution that I did? Which was to meet new friends, maybe a lover, in '93. So how many of you kept that resolution? Yes, just as I thought. OK, we still have time to redeem ourselves and meet new friends/lovers and to keep our resolution. Yes I too was once one of those clever people who read ads and never responded to them, but now I have changed my ways and placed this ad. I am a 29-yr-old, professional woman who enjoys almost all outdoor activity and athletics, also 5'10", and would love to have a date or

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I'm A Simple Soul

I'm easy. Simple. My interests: biking, hiking, working out at a gym, personal growth, recovery issues. I'm looking for weekend fun, dates, companionship—nothing elaborate: movies, dinner, talk, walk—with someone stable, 35-45, who doesn't use nicotine. I'm open to most types and a strong butch woman makes my heart race. Not looking for a quick commitment. I'll do my best to answer all responses. Call ★★3368.

Love At Last

Happy Valentine's Day, baby! I hope your day is filled with love and happiness. Even though this year has been full of trials and tribulations, we are still "pressing on." May God bless you and keep you. I love you always and I will see you at the altar in six months, believe that! Loving you in Christ, Rabbit.

I saw you at Cafe San Marcos, sent you an anonymous beer, asked if you would take off your hat and haven't seen you since. Where are you? Can we meet? Call ★★3369.

Have Staying Power, Will Travel

Earth feels sacred the longer, slower we walk Her. Part Cherokee pedestrian seeks transbay bi-coastal arts escapades, collaborations; long walkin' talks' poetic license along urban gypsy trails. Forget the meat markets. Other semi-retired, trim, accountable, health consciously gallant lesbian: share playful "laptime" (non-sexual awhile), mutual generosi-tease—exchanging my amateur tour guiding, fitness training, promotional/personal writing, spacial efficiency organizing window/stage design & healing arts for your skills, talents, storage, etc. Please, no smokers, druggers, strong scents, nor silly putdowns. Creative humor, detailed responses guaranteed answer. Reply BT Box JA11A or call ★★3370.

Let's Go Skiing!

If you like to ski, if you like to shoosh, if the best way up is sitting on your tush; if you think x-country gives you nothing but zzzzs, but the downhill slopes have you screaming yes, please!; then this friendly, fun, athletic (age 35) lesbian is looking for similar to hit the slopes. I love my friends, dearly, but they're either potatoes or they only x-country. Reply BT Box JA12A or call ★★3371.

Don't You Want?

Jewish mensch desires an enthusiastic, nice Jewish girl to be my true companion in pursuit of the good things life has to offer: love, laughter, food, sex, home, friends, music, sports and children. I am competent, sensual, humorous and kind-hearted and not afraid to share. NS/ND. Call ★★3372.

Tired of the lesbian catchphrases? I'm just real; slightly educated (not intimidated if you're more so), more thoughtful and intelligent. Not entirely P.C., but have personal integrity. Desire romantic company but friendship and LTR are possibilities. I like nature, walks, talks, hanging out (or in), dancing, traveling. Am open and wanting to explore anything from reggae to symphony to relationships and more. I am financially secure, gentle, attractive, of medium build and sort of a femme butch. You are similar to more femme, medium to slender build, attractive, affectionate, caring. Important: our spiritual, emotional selves, you do not work, talk or drink to excess. Reply BT Box JA13A or call ★★3373.

Tired Of The Bar Scene

I want someone who is mature, knows who they are and knows what they want out of life and relationships. I like loving, affectionate, romantic and communicative women with a good sense of humor. Me: tall, slender, short hair, semi-athletic, semi-femme, love music and candlelight dinners. You: cute, cuddly, nonsmoker/drugs and willing to answer this ad. Please enclose a photo and in my response I'll do the same. Reply BT Box JA14A.

Join me in an adventure of the heart. Searching for an honest, funny, romantic, wise butch or not-super-feminine woman who shares her feelings freely, believes in personal growth, and is willing to examine and work through problems. I want to create a family. I seek a life partner, children, lots of love and touch. I am 39, attractive, fat, warm-hearted. I am a healer. Special plus for: cat lover, singer, creativity, playfulness. Call ★★3374.

Why Not Answer This One?

I'm worth the risk. Yo hablo Espanol un poquito; je parle Francais un peu; and I speak English quite well. I am a graduate student, who loves literature and language. I work one job to pay the bills and another to fill my soul. I am a 33 y.o. GWF, have a sarcastic wit and a huge heart. I love my family, my friends, children, books, and nature, though not always in that order. I am looking for a sensitive, intelligent, employed, reasonably fit, relaxed woman between the ages of 25 and 38. I don't do drugs, alcohol or cigarettes and I would prefer someone who doesn't either, especially drugs. Call ★★3375.

40ish Gemini

40ish Gemini, attractive, looking to meet woman, 38-45, for friendship first but more possibilities. I like outdoors, swimming, good movies, intelligence, photography, most music, good communication, honesty, health, kissing, hot passion. I hope you are kind, good sense of humor, uninhibited, affectionate, 5'6" or taller, androgynous and a good lover. Respond by mail to Personal, PO Box 5481, Berkeley 94705 or call ★★3376.

Here's To The New Year!

I'm looking to start the New Year off with the pleasure of a new friend—and maybe more. I'm 37, comfortable with my femininity, attractive & sometimes athletic. I enjoy hiking, long walks, talks, trips, quiet romantic interludes, eating out & living a healthy lifestyle. If you live in the Palo Alto area, are 38-48, bus./prof. woman, emotionally/financially stable, outgoing and warm, with a good sense of humor—please respond! No smoking or drugs. Reply BT Box JA15A or call ★★3377.

Play With Us...

Beautiful femme S/M novices seek femme to androgynous women for spanking, bondage and punishment. Some things we need to have in common are moaning, screaming and pain. We need women to help us explore our limits, so if you're into biting asses, know some creative knots and can use a paddle, let's compare strapons... the winner gets whipped. Call ★★3378.

B My Valentine

Rabbit, it's been a long 17 months. I love you and I hope you like the new house. Happy Valentine's Day, sweetheart. Loving you in Christ, "Cupcake."

Square

Yep, that's me. Totally uncool, lacking hipness, not a hipster. I might even be considered boring. I just think I'm mild-mannered. So if you do the usual stuff and are looking for company, give me a ring because I'm looking for company too. Oh, and I sure hope you don't smoke, you're possibly into that Olympia/D.C. thing and you don't mind a total lack of P.C.ness. Call ★★3379.

Clitzpah!

Jewish dyke seeks dyke(s), 35+, ideally Jewish, who know the difference between Ellen Goodman/Emma Goldman, r.d. laing/k.d. lang, Holly Hunter/Holly Hughes. Irreverence, bibliophilia and talking with your hands are pluses. Kids welcome. Points if you don't always wear black or use "tasty" for anything but food. No Pagliaites, tobaccoids, 12-step zealots. I'm a writer, rabble rouser, traveler, cynical romantic and latent hang-glider. Call ★★3380.

Ocular Appeal

Young, eclectic, design student with an eclectic sense of imagination needs a modern woman for platonic or intimate connections. I'm more ocular than verbal, so I want a woman who can seduce me out of my shell. Call ★★3381.

Seeking East Bay Lesbians

Wouldn't it be great if we could get past all the prerequisites & mutually discover the world through each other's visions? Seeking wise, warmhearted, monogamous potential friend/lover/partner, 35+. Prerequisites: alcohol, drug & smoke-free. Faith in your dreams, appreciation of the intuitive, belief in angels, emotionally available. I'm attracted to integrity, passion, knowledge, celebrating the feminine, the classical & the eclectic. Call ★★3382.

Classic & Substantial

Attractive, professionally established, 5'3", 40-year-old who is fun-loving, honest, kind, sweet and thoughtful and who loves family, the outdoors, exercise, the arts and much laughter, seeks an acquaintance who is similar and who is also available, flexible, generous of heart, youthful in attitude, and looking eventually for a committed partnership. Prefer SF or Marin. Call ★★3383.

Bearr, Be Mine. Signed, Butch

Greetings in a club. You look sweet as usual. I'm in my new harness with my sweet dick. You flash that knockout nasty smile. A soft kiss hello. I blindfold and take you across to a private room. Alone, quiet, I tie you in the sling and rock you. My whip lights your body... I stop the rocking. Happy Valentine as I bite you & slide my wet dick deep inside and fuck you hard. You're gone & I'm with you. You are mine. Call ★★3384.

Completely Over Being Single!

Attractive, androgynous, ridiculously independent 29 y.o. seeks: companionship, a partner. I'm a totally open-minded individual & can't say that there's anything I truly detest or wouldn't try at least once. I'm searching for honesty, love, long-term. Getting along so well with and by myself, brings an emptiness—room for someone to enhance my life. If you're looking for a quality relationship, let's chat. I'm open to all that life has to offer me, so respond. Call ★★3403.

Skin

Going to extremes? I aim to share deep, sensual, full-body massage w/a femme who also likes to fuck like bunnies, engage in outrageous and erotic fantasies. Please be at least 28 (I'm 38) and enjoy a variety of outdoor physical activities, cultural events and be artistic and intellectually stimulating. Must possess passion for life and get the meaning of commitment whether to a second date or long-term relationship. Abusers of substances, people or excuses—Not. Call ★★3404.

Femme?

Tall, boyishly handsome dyke, 33, seeks fierce femme for hot, passionate sex, romance and possible relationship. I enjoy films, photography, the outdoors, serious discussions about radical politics, sex, etc., good food, and being silly. I have a weakness for tall, attractive femmes who are smart, honest and caring, passionate about their work (whether paid or unpaid) and sexually adventurous. Please call me, I'd love to hear from you. Call ★★3405.

Come Fly With Me!

GWF: looking for Hispanic, Asian or Caucasian airline employee who likes travel, golf, movies, music and animals. Age 40 to 50ish. No 12-steppers, no drugs. Light drinker/smoker okay. Me: tall (5'7"), dark hair, dark eyes, very attractive, good shape, femme. Call ★★3406.

My New Year's Resolution...

Is to make new friends to help me have fun learning new things. So after a year of moping about being single, I want to get out of my rut and onto a hiking trail, a golf course or a CW dance floor (I'm open to other ideas). Incidentally, I'm a tall brunette, 31 y.o., out femme professional with a passion for politics, technology and women. Call ★★3407.

Tired Of Being Single

Single, easygoing, androgynous, Black, 41 years young, Capricorn Aquarian, seeks unattached femmes (sorry!) for friendship first and possibly a commitment later. Women with old-fashioned values who are down-to-earth, lovable, communicative, supportive, nurturing, reasonably attractive or more and have a healthy sense of humor get my attention fast. Please don't bother if you're recently "divorced," not weight proportionate, "jaded" about life, into drugs, smoke, or co-dependent. Light drinking okay. All races and ages welcome. Reply BT Box JA16A or call ★★3408.

Love To Love

Finding a sincere and loving mate would be total bliss! I'm an attractive (but not conceited) femme in my mid-20s. I have lots of interests that include: sports, music, reading, travel, dancing and current events. I'm down-to-earth, have great sense of humor, am loving, healthy and love lots of romance. I'm seeking a friend/mate (age not important) who is much of the same, who can communicate, is open-minded, attractive, slim and is over the games people play. Would love to add fun times to my life. No drugs, lt. drinking OK. Please respond with picture, I'll do same. Reply BT Box JA17A.

Chemistry And Then Rossini

S., I lost your address. Contact me, M. Call ★★3409.

Rosie The Riveter?

Wanted: One good-hearted technical dyke ready to fall in love with the right person. Are you interested in science or engineering, electronics? Do you understand how the engine works in your car? If so, I'm interested in meeting you for friendship, maybe more. Write for more info. All replies answered. Reply BT Box JA18A.

Playful Laptime, Walking

Other semi-retired, trim, health consciously gallant gal: share mutual generosities, dance, arts escapades/collaborations; healing, dramatic, poetic license along urban gypsy trails. Take time dry kissing, necking, breasts sucking and, gradually, mild B&D—no put-down humor, S/M. For me, safe sex equates pure and simple accountability and little or no gadgetry/fluids exchange. No users, —aholics, strong scents. Detailed, creative responses guaranteed answer. Reply BT Box JA19A or call ★★3410.

Sexy Butch Wanted

To rock my world. Someone to take walks, go

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Dykes To Watch Out For

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SORRY I'M LATE.
HI, BABE. WE ORDERED ALREADY.
TONI! GOD, YOU'RE LIKE... GROWING!
ONE EVENING AT CAFE TOPAZ..
YEAH, IT'S STARTING TO SHOW. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? THERE'S A BABY IN HERE!
OH MY GOD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IT'S AMAZING!
IT'S HARRIET! AND THAT SHE-DEVIL SHE'S TAKEN UP WITH! HOW DARE THEY COME INTO THIS RESTAURANT?
UH-OH. SHE SEES YOU.
WHAT AM I GONNA DO? I CAN'T EAT WITH THEM HERE!
THEY'RE TURNING AROUND. THEY'RE LEAVING. GOOD MOVE, HARRIET.
YOU CAN LET GO OF MY ARM NOW. AND PUT DOWN THAT FORK
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! EVERYWHERE I GO, THERE THEY ARE! IF SHE WANTS 'NO CONTACT' WHY'S SHE FOLLOWING ME AROUND?!
WHAT'S THIS NO CONTACT DEAL?
AHH, SHE SAYS SHE HAS TROUBLE KEEPING CLEAR BOUNDARIES WITH ME. SO SHE NEEDS A COUPLE MONTHS WHERE WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER. THEN, SUPPOSEDLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO BE FRIENDS. AS IF!
WELL, IT IS HARD TO JUST SWITCH GEARS FROM LOVERS TO FRIENDS WITH NO TRANSITION. TAKING A BREAK IS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA.
THANK YOU, TONI, FOR THAT PEARL OF WISDOM. IT'S JUST WHAT I NEEDED TO HEAR.
BRAISED KOHLRABI AND OKRA GUMBO?
THAT'S FOR TONI.
OH!
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME YOUR NAUSEA IS COMING BACK!
IT MOVED! I FELT IT MOVE, CLARICE! OH MY GOD! THERE REALLY IS A BABY IN HERE!!
EW, WEIRD. KINDA LIKE THAT SCENE IN 'ALIEN,' HUH?

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TRANS

Back Up And Push

You are a sweet, semi-tall, FTMish, boy-identified lesbian, and I am an adventurous, smart, wise, sexy femme and we could have lots of low-pressure flirting on or off the dance floor. Or at the ocean or river. Missed your ad once—not willing to wait till you try it again. Other similarly inclined lesbians looking for entertainment not marriage, please call ★★3401.

BISEXUAL

If Sweet Dreams Are Made Of These

Kissing your lover in unexpected places. Savoring the flavors of life in the City. Sharing trust and love and enriching our lives with conversations from the heart. Then sweeter dreams are these in threes. Can you see yourself with another woman and a man; three lovers sharing an equal love? Please call ★★3385.

Kinky Search

Looking for safe, kinky stuff, as I live out of state and I am interested in phone, mail or anything different you can think of. I am attractive and look for age 38 and up, male or female. I am female. Reply BT Box JA300A or call ★★3386.

Inexperienced Bisexual

Native San Franciscan, good-looking WM, 6'1", brown hair, blue/green eyes, 29-year-old doctoral student, prof., smart, healthy, athletic, stocky, warm, sensitive, safe, unpretentious conversationalist, and great at giving massages. If you find yourself interested in these attributes or if you are intrigued, I am eager to discuss the many possibilities. Let's talk! I promise to respond to all. 750 La Playa, #741, SF 94121 or call ★★3387.

Butt Massage To In-Shape Guys Under 40

26 y.o., 5'7", 150 lbs., straight-looking, acting, clean-cut, loves to service men that are in-shape, straight-looking, smooth body preferred. Also open to other suggestions. Weight proportionate and butch only, please. Short guys under 5'8" a plus, especially Latino & Asian guys. Call me, you won't regret it. Serious calls only, please. Call ★★3388.

Peabody Here, Sherman There

Bi-queer male, 36, switch, writer and editor, wants a man or two, or a M/F couple, to pal around and do very pleasurable things with. Short on attitude, long on imagination and respect, dirtier than you'd think. Special weakness for Poindexters. No smokers. Write Box 1108, 41 Sutter St., SF 94104 or call ★★3389.

Curious About You

Attractive young queer man seeks young (18-35) queer woman to teach me cunnilingus or just let me learn. I'm really attracted to comrades who know their true femininity. I've been interested in performing this service for a long time. No romance or intercourse included. Bisexuals and butches encouraged. Reply Box 311, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★3390.

I Got A Toilet Brush For Xmas!

Decided to go back to toilet paper. If you laughed at this joke (or moaned with a smile) I want you. Immature, 38-yr-old, Bukowski and Howard Stern fan, New Yorican with a broken heart, wants to meet anyone not afraid to be politically incorrect, take turns serving and/or spoiling each other and teach me to salsa... Call ★★3391.

I'm Shy Cute GAM

I'm 5'4", 120# and have moderate, toned build, smooth body. I'm easygoing. Would like to meet friends who appreciate a man who enjoys quiet times on the beach, jogging, weightlifting, body toning, general body health and meeting people. If you're mature, 20-35, weight/height proportionate, G/Bi, white/Latin, educated with good moral values, like to hear from you. "GAM," PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★3392.

WM, 35, pleasant-looking guy, uncruel, kind, innocent, average weight, mainly straight and straight-acting, seeks males and females who like masturbation only. I'm maybe a little nervous about arranging all this, but would love it to happen. Your place or other till I relocate. Lifestyle unimportant, just be kind and uncruel. 298 4th Ave., Box 436, SF 94118 or call ★★3393.

Handsome, Humorous, Spiritual

Evolving soul who knows the beauty and value of his bi/androgynous self, 40s, 6'1", 190, fit, professional. Open to and interested in many aspects of this precious life. Seeking same in exceptional, attractive woman, 20 to 40, healthy inside and out, for friendship/companionship. Even if you are new to this idea, curious and an explorer, I'd love to talk. Reply BT Box JA301A or call ★★3394.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★3411.

Gardening

Backyard/container gardeners... amateur to skilled... Interested in developing a group who would like to visit, work with one another. Perhaps have field trips, visit nurseries. Interested, call ★★3412.

Rodeo/SF

Looking for lesbian buddy to dance/socialize at this year's rodeo parties, benefits & fundraisers. Reply BT Box JA600A or call ★★3413.

Christian Gays

Gay Christian men's group now forming in the East Bay. Are you a Christian just coming out? Are you tired of being alienated from God or your church? Are you seeking a welcoming church, or maybe just want to meet other gay Christians? We know sexual orientation is not chosen and believe that God loves everyone equally. Write GCM, PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★3414.

Poker Anyone? (Or Maybe Risk)

GWM, 30, seeks other guys looking for a poker game that's social, but also competitive. Or, if you're a serious Risk player who plays to win, that's cool, too. I live in Castro Valley, but commuting's no problem. Since the emphasis is on friendship, I'll meet all respondents first to ensure general compatibility. A photo (returnable with mine) is appreciated so there'll be no surprises on either end (but not required). Write: A.T.H., PO Box 281103, SF 94128.

Golf Partner Sought

East Bay 'burbs GWM, 31, seeks other men/women into purely recreational, occasional weekend golfing on East Bay region courses. I'm an intermediate level player, but will gladly pair up with any skill level, from the beginner to the advanced. Not into hyping about bad strokes, just into enjoying the beauty and peacefulness of the course, the fresh air, exercise and the conversation. Call ★★3415.

Bipolar Support Group

An established peer support group of gays and lesbians is currently looking for possible new members. Current members are relatively stable and functional, and hope to remain so through continued mutual support. The Group's *Statement of Purpose:* To create a comfortable, safe environment, unaligned with any institution or professional therapy, within which lesbian, gay and bisexual persons with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder may gather for mutual support, understanding and information. For more information, please contact us. Reply BT Box JA601A or call ★★3416.

Columbia River Gorge-Bound

... And looking for lesbian and gay contacts. I'm a mid-40s lesbian who recently bought land across from Hood River, Ore., and plan to build & relocate there in a couple of years. Meanwhile I'm seeking other kindred souls—trades/crafts-people, artists, writers, professionals, animal & plant lovers & the enviro-conscious, adventurous energetic career-transitioners, early retirees and other Californians-in-exile in the Pacific Northwest (especially in the Gorge area or nearby)—to establish a community of companions to help look out for one another in what has the potential for being gay-hostile territory... Measure 9 reportedly being attempted in Washington. Since I'll be up there several times a year, I'd certainly welcome meeting any contacts you send my way. Much obliged! Please write c/o Boxholder, PO Box 460825, SF 94146-0825 or call ★★3417.

Into The Wild Blue Yonder

First parachute jump—October 22, 1797. Andre-Jacques Garnerin dropped from about 6,500 feet over Monceau Park in Paris in a 23-foot-diameter parachute made of white canvas with a basket attached. I would like to meet lesbian/gay/bi people who are private/commercial pilots, or skydivers, or those who are interested in getting their private pilot's license or learning to skydive. Call ★★3418.

Yang Needs Yin

Professional GAM, 29, wishes to meet my lesbian counterparts for harmonious friendship and to provide balance in our lives. I am intelligent, multicultural, straight-looking and have many interests. Most importantly, I am sincere, compassionate and genuinely interested in forming nurturing platonic friendships with like-minded lesbians. Call ★★3419.

Not Looking For Love

Just advanced women tennis players. I'd like to play evenings or weekends in San Francisco. Call me and we'll set something up. Call ★★3420.

Women's Spirituality Group

Forming to imagine new ways of understanding sexuality, spirituality and justice (Get Into Radical Lesbian Spirituality). First meeting will focus on women's sensuality and Buddhism, featuring internationally acclaimed guest performers. All women are welcome. Call ★★3421.

MEN

Bright Eyes Seeks Asian

Are you a slim, cleanshaven GAM (under 45) who is (as I am) loving, kind, caring, sincere, honest, healthy? If so, this GWM, 6', 180#, 30s, pleasant-looking, hazel eyes, soft brown hair, is seeking you for friendship, companionship, hopefully more. I currently live in Virginia. But please don't let that stop you as I would gladly relocate for the right person. I'm a nice person with a good heart, so why don't we get to know each other? Call ★★3438.

Running Alone

GWM, 33, HIV-, intimate, committed, professional, seeks a "relationship-oriented" counterpart, 25-40, to share quiet nights at home, fine dining, conversation and spontaneous recreation. Reply BT Box JA70A or call ★★3439.

Dear Asian

I want you! For some reason my preference is for Asians and I'm happy it is. I am Caucasian male, fair skin, 45, 5'10", 155 lbs., HIV- and in good health. I am educated and professional (if that matters), intelligent, sensitive and sensuous. I like outdoor activities (tennis, swimming together?) and indoor. I am looking for a relationship. If your motive is just curiosity, apply anyway. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★3440.

A Lot Lost; A Lot Learned; A Lot Left

The epidemic has cost me a great deal: my cherished lover; many friends; the promise of a long life; grief, anxiety, sadness; and loss of some of the sense of lightness in life (Anyone still reading?). However, I still have a lot left: an active, ironic sense of humor; passion for many things/activities great and small (classical music, playing the piano, travel, Italy, Paris, literature, the arts, gardening, nature, men, sex); a good body (41 y.o., good-looking, HIV+, healthy, bl/brn/balding, moustache, 5'6", 140#, muscular/fit, other appealing physical characteristics); a deeply satisfying profession (psychologist); great family and friends; a comfortable home. I've survived so far sadder yet softer, somewhat heavier in tone yet deeper in purpose, less narcissistic/materialistic but more spiritual, more independent yet more conscious of our interdependence, stronger yet more flexible. I also still have the capacity for joy, playfulness and powerful sexual attractions. I'd like to meet reasonably fit and attractive men, approx. 37-47, HIV+ or -, psychologically minded and mature to see if some type of companionship might develop. Please write and include a photo. Reply BT Box JA71A.

Wanna Date?

Handsome GWM, hung (9"), successful, nice body, br/bl, 39 y.o., 5'11", 165#, HIV+, healthy, sincere guy. I like gardens, kids, laughing, honesty and maturity, good-looking guys and big dicks. You don't necessarily have to like gardens or kids. Wanna date? You are GWM and should also have some attributes, age approx. 32-42. Photo please (returnable). Reply BT Box JA72A or call ★★3441.

Librarian Wanted

I haven't dated in several years, but instead have pursued the many other avenues of my life. I sense that perhaps it's time to meet others on a deeper level and maybe allow someone special into my life. I am passionate about the connection with my friends, careful and protective of my heart and soul, articulate and aware, and I meet myself in music. I'm 45, fair-skinned, 6 feet, 170 lbs., moustache, blond hair, blue eyes and HIV-. You are a normal, fit, clean-cut, masculine man in your 30s, brunette (but not mandatory), and HIV-. Glasses, by the way, are a plus. You are caring and accepting with a passion for life and an excitement for the planet and all living things. Your beliefs need no explanation. You are boyish outwardly and spiritually courageous inwardly. If you sense a connection, let's talk. Call ★★3442.

Haven't Given Up Yet

The search is for an African-American professional, top, 6' or less, 38-50, healthy, HIV+, who likes cuddling and intellectual stimulation, as well as good sex. You don't have to be a "star," "fit" or "very good-looking," but you must be a nice guy. I'm mid-30s, professional, olive complexion, some facial hair, big brown eyes, young at heart with an old soul, and kind of sexy. Nonsmokers only. Reply BT Box JA73A.

Cotton-Polyester Daddy

GWM, 51, tall, well-built, average looks (Capt. Picard type), professional, HIV-, "vanilla" (not into leather!), seeks younger (18-40) mate for intense monogamous, committed relationship. I'm warm, friendly; prefer intelligent, smooth, slim-to-muscular, butch men (any race) who are open, honest, good communicators. I'll help with school, etc., if needed. Detailed letter with photo and phone guarantees reply. Reply BT Box JA74A or call ★★3443.

Great Catch For GAM

GWM, European-born, intelligent, attractive, clean-cut, blue eyes, blond hair, healthy, HIV-, straight-acting (neither "Castro Clone" nor "sugar daddy"—don't worry!), likes talking and listening (from art, photography and music to multicultural politics and high-tech communication), cafes, shows, good food. I am sincere, but also very playful, can give and accept affection and more... If you are Asian (or Asian American, Eurasian, Amerasian, etc.) and if you are, similar to me, educated, good-looking, kind, honest, relatively tall, in your 20s, then let's give it a try: call or write to me soon—you won't be disappointed, OK? Reply BT Box JA75A or call ★★3444.

Executive Search

Tall, dark, 45, masculine, Latin, financial district executive. Live and play in the Marina. Seeking relationship with accomplished, independent, masculine man with following profile: practicing Catholic, fulfilled in chosen field, centered, gym-toned, HIV-, SF resident. You have compassion with a keen sense of intensity about life but with a strong dose of fun & curiosity. Reply BT Box JA76A.

Looking For A Special Man

If you are a youthful, muscular & naturally dominant GWM, HIV-, and are serious about a possible long-term, monogamous relationship with a very attractive, high-quality GWM professional (5'10", 168#, muscular) then please get in touch. A great sense of humor and varied interests are definite pluses. Nonsmokers only, please. Reply BT Box JA77A or call ★★3445.

Lovers For A Lifetime

GWM, very young-spirited, early 40s, masculine (Italian/French) good looks, 5'11", trim/athletic/tan, 158 lbs., dark hair, deep hazel eyes, and a great smile. Happy, relaxed, successful, creative, entrepreneur. Very romantic, versatile, easy to be with, looking to share a really exciting life with the right man. You: intelligent, down-to-earth, honest, emotionally available, HIV-, very masculine guy, into sharing new experiences and everyday life with a devoted lover in a truly monogamous relationship built on trust, romance, passion and fun. Major pluses: you're sort-of-blond, with strong hairy arms, maybe a moustache, chunky or slightly muscular build, and interest in the arts, horses, exploring, boating or tennis. Together we'll enjoy travel, days at the beach, evenings out or at home by the fire, long embracing nights and quiet mornings for a lifetime. I hope you're out there and you'll call to let me know how we can find each other. Call ★★3446.

Seeking Fun & Companionship

33-yr-old professional would like to meet caring & sincere gay male for friendship/relationship. I enjoy movies, dining out, music, bicycling in Golden Gate Park, romance & good conversations. I am GWM, 6'1", 185#, brn/brn, medium build, cleanshaven, HIV- and considered good-looking. You live in SF, are fun-loving, w/similar interests, 25-35 yrs, slim to medium build, about 6' tall, any race, and have a career or are working toward one. Let's meet for coffee! Reply BT Box JA78A or call ★★3447.

Looking For Mr. Right

Me: attractive GWM, 35, 6'2", 190#, brn/brn, HIV-, trim beard, financially responsible, very romantic, enjoy traveling to exotic places, foreign movies, long drives, weekends in the country, cooking, eating out, quiet evenings at home. Interested in photography, modern art, must admit to being somewhat of a clotheshorse. Not into bars, drugs, religion, church, big parties. You: 28-42, similar interests, intelligent, imaginative, wanting relationship. Please call. Reply BT Box JA79A or call ★★3448.

Carpe Diem

Handsome GWM, 38, 5'11", 165 lbs., healthy HIV+, emotionally available, literate, professional, European-educated activist. Passionate about truth, beauty, romance, the nature of reality, intimacy, classical and world music, wrestling, cuddling, travel, sex, poetry, literature and love. You know yourself and what you want; you are my age or younger, independent, romantic, looking for a friend, lover or mate, and have some passions of your own. Write and tell me about them. Reply BT Box JA80A or call ★★3449.

Anxious To Please

Your body with my mouth. Write (send photo, if possible, to get my attention) or call if you think that you'd like hours of lustful, nasty oral service anywhere on your well-built, athletic body. You guide me, tell me what to do. My tongue is at your command. Me: handsome, 30, Hispanic. You: confident, able to focus on both of us finding ways to please you. Reply BT Box JA81A or call ★★3450.

A Handsome Thai Male

Is available to a special GWM! Hi, I am 36, 5'8", 170# and HIV-. A collegiate, guy-next-door type with an agreeable smile and a hard, silky bod. A software professional and a tennis player. Huggable and beddable. I seek a special GWM. He is cleanshaven, athletic, high-achieving and an incurable romantic. Please respond to Boxholder 128, 633 Post St., SF 94109. Thanks! Or call ★★3451.

His Libido Seems Finito

I am currently in longtime loving relationship in

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which my partner's low sex drive was last seen near the Bermuda Triangle. I would like to meet someone who is considerate of this situation in my search for an outside, discreet, sexual friendship. I'm GWM, 43, 5'8", 145 lbs., dark blue eyes, HIV-, trim, smooth, youngish/handsome, very nice guy and stable. Prefer 38-50s, chest hair and hopefully as oral and affectionate as I am. Gray hair a plus. Photo (returned) appreciated. Sincere only please. Reply BT Box JA82A.

A Lasting Relationship

GWM, early 30s, 5'8", slim, cleanshaven, seeks a special person for a loving, monogamous relationship that will last the rest of our lives. I am intelligent and well-educated, and enjoy reading, writing, singing, listening to music, and running; I don't enjoy, nor do I frequent, bars or dance clubs. I believe in God, though not organized religion, and value the spiritual more than the physical. I am looking for someone with a similar outlook who has integrity, believes in traditional family values, and is ready to make a commitment. You should be intellectual and well-educated, with a career or field of study that you love and that makes a contribution to society—perhaps you are in teaching, medicine, science or the arts. I am open to all races but find I often have a special kinship with Asians. You should be 23 to 35, slim, cleanshaven and a nonsmoker; but otherwise, physical appearance does not matter. Send no photograph, just a literate letter, to: PO Box 40352, Berkeley 94704.

Slim Chinese Or Viet Wanted

Sincere WM, young for 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, blue eyes, HIV-, seeks slim to skinny, warmhearted Asian, 20-35, for sincere friend or possible lover. I'm caring, good listener, affectionate. Plus if you are foreign-born, nonsmoker, somewhat shy, enjoy exercise and/or not into bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★3453.

Asian Opportunity

If you are a GAM looking for a GWM who is handsome, trim, 5'10", 155#, clean-cut and a professional from the Financial District then this could be what you have been hoping for. I am one who is a sharing and caring individual who is into films, travel, biking, beach walks, interesting restaurants and other broadening experiences. I am not into bars and prefer nonsmokers. If you are ready for a possible relationship I would like to hear from you. Call ★★3454.

A Mind That Suits Thy Fair And Outward Character

Thoroughly modern Renaissance man seeks irreverent wag for thrills and frolics. Charm me with your art, entertain me with your wit, and share with me your very deepest passion. I'll happily be your clown in shining armor. I'm 36, moustached, HIV-, average only in height and weight, Euro mixed-breed, and a software exec. If you are early 30s and interested more in travel than in arrival, ring or post a likeness. Reply BT Box JA83A or call ★★3455.

Middle-Aged Beefcake

Seeks trim partner to date, share good times with, and whatever uninhibited else develops over time. I'm WM, 5'10", 200#, good husky football player type build, 45, medium hairy, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-. I'm intelligent, professional, financially responsible, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic, independent, nonsmoker, no drugs. No Greek. Have many interests. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Extraordinary...

Is the relationship that this single male is looking for and will have. Why settle for anything but the finest? If you are an unattached male with an insouciant, unconventional personality that can handle life's "situations" without going through "changes," then I would like to meet you and we can go from there... By the way, what do you want for Valentine's Day? Please forward your address, phone number and a recent picture, (we might see each other in a domestic/international airport and never know). I will return your picture. Call ★★3457.

Local Boy Living In Marin

Looking to meet an attractive & masculine GWM in late 20s-early 40s. Me? Good-looking guy in my mid-30s, professional, HIV-. Being far past the bar scene, I have come to appreciate the usual array of life's simple pleasures. To someone special, I offer my attributes: stability, relationship orientation and off-beat sense of humor. Weaknesses to be aware of: classic cars, morning coffee, Sunday football, sideburns and Calvins. Reply BT Box JA84A.

Ready For More....

Sweet, very cute GBM (30, 5'7", 135 lbs., gym-toned) ready for more sex, more fun, more adventure with a seriously good-looking and hunky GWM, 25-35. Bubble butts a plus. Reply BT Box JA85A or call ★★3458.

Teach Me

Relatively inexperienced HIV- top seeks a patient and sensitive HIV- bottom to show me how to please. Prefer vanilla to rough. I'm 5'8", 140 lbs., 38, brown hair and eyes, beard, hairy chest, Italian, great smile, handsome, attracted to clean-cut "preppy" types, 25-42, HIV- and safe. Call or send a photo. Reply BT Box JA86A or call ★★3459.

A Deeper Understanding

Compassionate, artist-type, solitary "INFP," healthy mind/body, seeks friend who listens to his inner spirit and can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, naturalist, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, spiritual, non-egocentric, love of self/beauty/nature, spontaneous. Enjoy: listening, sharing times, writing, exploring, music(-making), dining. Classical musician/teacher, GWM, young 45, 123#. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★3460.

Dominant Asian

Desired by very oral, 6'3", 175 lbs., GWM in late 40s (fit & healthy), for sensual relationship. You have smooth trim body, attractive features and want to be in charge sexually. Prefer SF or Peninsula. I'd be willing to make beginners attempt to dress as a woman for the right guy. So give me a try & call and/or write. Reply BT Box JA87A or call ★★3461.

San Jose Area Asians/Latins

Smooth-assed, soft-skinned boys are invited to apply for long-term relationship with hairy, masculine but affectionate leather master, 38 and HIV-. If you would like to learn the ropes, on your belly, while daddy rapes, rides and safely rewards his good boy (and, be forewarned, daddy likes to ride for a long time), then write now, with phone number. Ability to develop a tolerance for pain and enjoy some mutual ball-stretching is required (as is patience, boy, for daddy is in Australia until after New Year's—maybe you can cum along next time.) Adaptable tops also welcome. 5 Town & Country Village, Box 728, San Jose 95128.

Good Times

Why not be your best with this hot blond artist. Enjoy parties to solitude. Stimulated by, but not limited to, Latinos. Enjoy travel, swimming, dancing, romancing, blue eyes, trim and firm body to hold tight. See you soon for good times. Call or write. Reply BT Box JA88A or call ★★3462.

Men's Social Group

Gay-bisexual men, tired of the bar scene, want to socialize with other gay men aged 20-40-something? Regular, informal gatherings, orchestrated to bring likeminded men together in a casual, relaxed environment. Interested? PO Box 7957, Stockton 95207 or call ★★3463.

Dedicated Meditator, Writer, Gym-Workouter

And professional seeks that special man in my life. I'm a handsome, brown-haired, clear blue-eyed, 5'9", 150#, moustachioed, gym-defined, HIV-, substance-free vegetarian and young-looking 43 GWM. Enjoy reading, friends, walking, oil massage, cooking, movies and world travel. Live in North Bay, but have a car. If you're similar and also communicative, loving, reliable and wanting to discover a rare man, contact me. Photo welcome. Reply BT Box JA89A or call ★★3464.

Shy Virgo

Seeks kindred spirit who understands that the search for perfection is an adventure to be shared, not a demand to be met. Me: 5'8", 145 lbs., blond, blue, furry and uncut. You: smooth, dark, lean and uncut. Goal: the garden of perfect delight. Call ★★3465.

Asian "Little Prince"

Where are you? This European GWM, 42, slim, 5'8", romantic, relationship-oriented is longing for you. Show me again what love is! Seeking honest, sincere and smart guy with good sense of humor. Also, that little magic spark in your eye would not hurt! Young, smooth and NS, HIV-please. Call ★★3466.

My Japanese Lover

Seeking cultured, passionate, sexy GM of Japanese descent. You're 27-33 yrs. old, HIV-, clean-cut, subtly but strikingly beautiful in appearance, aware but unaffected. You are masculine, yet softspoken. You're seeking a life partner. You find yourself in your pursuit of spiritual growth and varied interests. You are private, but able to lavish affection. You love the outdoors and staying in shape, and you love tall, blond men! I'm a GWM, professional, HIV-, 27 yrs. old, an ex-New Yorker with boyish good looks, blond hair, blue eyes, fair skinned, 6'4" and fit. I'm an avid cycler (great legs!), love cars, travel, the early morning, movies, photography and animals. I'm deeply passionate and often animated with words and expression. Touch and expression are vital to me... please don't hold back. I wish to satisfy our capacity for love and the erotic. I want to serve you as well as receive your gifts. Call ★★3467.

Hot, Hairy, Masculine Man

GWM, 31, 5'11", 180 lbs., very good-looking, muscular and masculine, looking for a GM, 35-50, who is muscular, masculine and has lots and lots of body hair. Must be physically fit and also a nice guy. I'm looking for a safe, fun time with another masculine, sensitive man. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box JA91A or call ★★3469.

Seeking A Partner

Masculine, straight-appearing, attractive GWM, 6', 200#, well-built, brn, brn, moustache, large frame, 47 yrs. (look 35), looking for a special East Bay man for partner/relationship. I am established in Oakland, responsible with a good job, easy-going, sincere, loving, who desires to offer his partner friendship, trust and love. Sharing my life with another man, building a future together, and growing together in a long-term relationship is my goal. I am very talented with a lot to offer someone and I'm certain you are, too; we'll complement each other's personalities. I've been blessed with good virtues and family, home-oriented, dislike big gay scenes/bars. Enjoy walks, long drives, holding him, cooking, home remodeling/decoration, workouts and especially having a caring, loving man beside me. My preferred partner is masc., sincere, loyal, good employment, intelligent, clean-looking, in-shape, 30s or early 40s, East Bay man and sincere about a LTR. If you are interested and wouldn't object to sending a photo please reply BT Box JA92A or call ★★3470.

Hot, Handsome And Househusbandly

Judgmental, very muscular, artist (gorgeous equipment and skilled top), 5'9", 28 y.o. Seeks enthusiastic, affectionate companion/couple (exceptionally handsome, confident, generous—regardless of wealth—thirtyish, medium build, willing to work out, conservative appearance, environmental/feminist values). Bohemian yet elitist, I'm disdainful of working-class and middle-class tastes. Contemporary art, architecture, antiques, bluegrass, jazz vocals, Baroque, 78s, ethnic food, Pacifica radio, equitation, horticulture. Will relocate. PO Box 304, Westport 95488 or call ★★3471.

A Diamond In The Rough

Not a very "mainstream" GWM, 33 y.o. (looks 33, acts 33), 6'1", lt brn/very blue, 185#, average build, easy on the eyes, living in Contra Costa County. I'm basically a low-key guy who likes life, likes himself and his time alone, but would love to meet that special someone to build a relationship with. Interested? This diamond in the rough awaits your reply. Call ★★3472.

Kink Plus

33 y.o. WM, 5'10", 145 lbs., trim, in-shape top seeks sex buddy to explore the seamier side of sex: bondage, dominance, role-playing, etc. All limits respected. Versatility and imagination demanded. Prefer in-shape Latin/Asian, but all offers considered. No bodybuilders or bears. Desire ongoing affair leading to...? Other interests include spirit, reading, computers, squash, skiing, kayaking, movies. Call ★★3473.

Yes!

I'm ready to love and be cherished by a strong, handsome, big-hearted, patient, vulnerable, supportive (not possessive) and gentle, nonsmoking man. A sensitive, loving, very creative and genuinely young-looking GWM, 47, 5'7", 142#. I'm handsome, strong, sensual, smooth-skinned and well-defined. Sometimes forthright, impassioned and disarmingly honest, I'm also loving, childlike and frequently hilarious. My political/spiritual orientation is iconoclastic, decidedly non-mainstream, attuned to the larger picture and committed to service. Some loves: people, opera/classical music/the arts, metaphysics and higher wisdom, yoga and exercise, opening the heart. If you'd like a supportive and passionate relationship, are attentive to your body and spirit, and understand that channeling involves more than a choice between Showtime and HBO, please reply BT Box JA93A or call ★★3474.

Love And Fun '93

Creative artist, intelligent and sensitive, handsome, healthy, HIV+, gym body, 6'1", 165#, blue eyes, 36. Loves the arts, good sex, travel, self-growth and workouts. Seeks GWM, handsome, 28 to 40, versatile top, with similar interests. Must be an open and honest communicator and desire a mutually loving, intimate and supportive relationship. Possibly traveling companion. Free from drugs and alcohol. Sense of humor. Call ★★3475.

The Pleasure Of Your Company

Requested by equally intelligent, attractive, humorous, affectionate GWM. Important: honesty, trust, monogamy, personal growth, vulnerability, sense of humor, commitment, caring, love. Unimportant: 1-nighters, pretentiousness, gym perfectionists, condescending intellectuals, game players. I'm 5'8", 185#, 51, HIV-. You're 45-55, HIV-, GWM, self-confident, naturally masculine, fun-loving, very serious about wanting equal partner for lifetime relationship. S, D, toke for occasional use OK. We both love hours of sensual pleasure, adore kissing (it's an art form), passionate for FrA/P, can gently explore much more. We both love home, garden, music, reading, creativity, theater, symphony, anything romantic, etc. Let's meet for coffee, conversation and chemistry 101. Reply BT Box JA94A or call ★★3476.

New In Town

Getting settled. Seeking friendship and roommate share with kindred spirits. Me: long dark blond, hazel, 35, trim dancer's build. Mustached Michael Bolton look-alike (I'm told), that's earthy, easygoing, responsible, natural dude. You: nonsmoker, healthy, humorous, communicative, possible writer or performer. Facial and body hair blow my skirt up, but chemistry is more substantial. Let's explore mentally and spiritually as friends, then... maybe... Reply BT Box JA95A.

Platonic Friendship

Wanted by tall, masculine, 63-yr-old GWM. Nonsmoker, HIV-, healthy, muscular, 6'2", 193#, BB. Seek similar, any age. Emotional closeness through intimate sharing, hikes, concerts, travel. We are both fit, like spiritual and mental stimulation and we like to have fun. Call ★★3477.

Within Your Intellect

Let us allow our contrasting forms to merge in delicate simplicity as we circumscribe our realities to obtain those seeds of joy we have been sent to gather. Leave the orgasms till passion's set is played. Enjoy my ancient soul trembling with yours. I am Black, tall, ageless, open and charged with life. I am arrogant, supportive, creative, loving and honest. Laid back and bohemian. HIV-. Call ★★3478.

Friends

40-yr-old WM, well-educated, many interests—hiking, plays, enjoying people—seeks others to get together and do things as "friends"—don't need a lover (single), want friends that can be real and share life. Share walks, talks, mood swings and be open and honest. Honesty and communication is essential. Let's build an enjoyment of each other and what we share together and do together. Name, number, plus about you. Call ★★3479.

Looking For Someone

To develop and share life's intimacies. Me: East Bay ethnic Chinese, 42 yrs old, 5'9", 145 lbs., HIV-, cleanshaven, smooth, muscular, gym-toned, easy on the eyes, personable, outgoing, spiritual, altruistic and real. You: GM (35-49), healthy-minded, physically active, fit, HIV-, NS, ND, happy in life and relationship-oriented. Reply BT Box JA96A or call ★★3480.

Active, Middle Aged

I like to keep fit with a morning run, swim or vigorous hike. Close-trimmed beard tops off 5'10", 165#, 55 yrs of hairy vitality. As silence is just as essential as sound for music, reading on a nude beach, cooking, singing, playing cards and deep caring massages balance my volunteer work as a massage therapist to PWAs. Not looking for a husband (or wife) but a friend who is independent enough to be crazy and daring as well as nurturing and loyal. Call ★★3481.

German-Italian Looking For

Friend(s) to play tennis and hang out with. Me: blue collar, 35 yrs. old, 5'9½", 165 lbs., hard body, blue eyes, short light brown hair. Looking for: prefer Latin or someone medium to small build. If the chemistry is right... maybe more than tennis! Please send photo. Reply BT Box JA97A or call ★★3482.

Blond? Redhead? Freckles? Butch, Topman?

With a hairy, defined chest, HIV-, romantic guy. Me: 37, blond, HIV-, great kisser, 29 waist, defined, smooth, silky white bubble butt. East Bay. Let's settle down... come for a swim in my pool, or soak in my hot tub. A rustic setting. Call ★★3483.

Are You A Bluejean Kind Of Guy?

Height, eye and hair color, or amount of hair don't matter; health, financial independence, honesty, openness, curiosity, spontaneity and monogamy do. I seek GWM, 35-40, HIV-, attractive, not overweight, NS/ND, light drinker who likes to dance (CW preferred), cuddle, kiss, hold hands, walk, read, sing and explore. Me: GWM, 40, 5'11", 175#, HIV-, brown/brown, and slim build. I want a man who wears blue jeans, wants a homelife with one special man and who can express his feelings. This ad describes us both. Want to try? Call ★★3484.

Where Are You?

You: 6' and taller, buffed and attractive, with a caring and affectionate personality and broad-minded. Me: 6'1", 165 lbs., dark-skinned, strikingly attractive and very attracted to big, tall, in-shape men. Let's meet and see what happens. Call ★★3485.

Are You An "S" Man?

I realize that most things I want are "S" words: sincere, steady, sexy, etc. Is this what you are seeking? If so, I'm a 42 y.o. Canadian by birth, who is 5'7", 190#, and interested in meeting that special (again an "S" word) person in mid-30s to mid-40s, with whom I can form a relationship. Are you interested in a UC graduate who used to be married, has one child (and a good relationship with ex-wife) and is a professional? Do you care that I play casual bridge, poor bowling, and competitive racquetball? If so, reply BT Box JA98A or call ★★3486.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional; emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, mid-40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box JA99A.

Muscle Man

You're muscular, macho, masculine and buffed, but enjoy being bottom to 6'1", 165 lbs., smooth, soft, dark-skinned, androgynously beautiful guy. Call ★★3487.

East Bay Pussy Boy

Wants to show you his hole, get you hard, take you up the ass, thank you for giving it to him, and beg you for more. (I like dirty talk.) Stats: 5'4", 145#, Black, 40 y.o., smoker. Please be in decent shape and attractive. This is not just a sex ad. I want to meet you and be seduced. Reply BT Box JA100A or call ★★3488.

Seeking Dominant Man

Dominant man into S&M and humiliation scenes sought for possible relationship by very good-looking WM, masculine and well-built, 36, 5'10", eager to fulfill your unusual or kinky desires (but nothing too intense or unsafe). Looking for sophisticated man who is masculine, preferably hairy, 35-45, good talker and knows what he wants. Call ★★3489.

Do You Laugh In Bed?

We're both creative, HIV-, outgoing people who (friends tell us) have our acts together. We enjoy a monogamous relationship of mutual yet critical admiration and lots of laughter. Naturally eclectic (wow!): dancing, holding hands, parties, quiet time and rampant morning sex all rate high. I'm GWM, 5'10", 39, slim, br/bl, NS/ND, with a great smile. Call now and light up my eyes. Call ★★3490.

Looking For Someone To Date

Want to share fun times like movies, dining out, travel, romance or whatever else develops. I'm good-looking, GWM, 6'1", 185#, muscular, HIV-, cleanshaven, brn/bl. Sexually versatile—more bottom than top. If you have similar interests, are in good shape, 35-45, then let's get together for coffee and see what develops. Call ★★3491.

Act I, Scene 1

Bedroom. Tall, darkly handsome man in his 30s rushes in, sheds his Italian suit and slides his muscular, hairy body into tight leather. Exit. Scene 2: Cafe. Asian, 30ish, wearing glasses, attractive, sits at table waiting. Leatherman enters. Their eyes lock for a moment and the two men break into smiles. Leatherman role available for brainy, big-basketed GWM or GLM. To audition please call ★★3492.

A Few Good Men

Asian student, 26, 5'5", 132#, likes to meet daddy type with beard or moustache. Prefer GWM or GAM, 35-60, stocky, professional. Both: HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs, honest, caring. If you are a few good men, take the chance. Call ★★3493.

Latex Breath And The '90s

Very manly, handsome, hairy, well-built, inflexible top, 5'10", 160#, 46, HIV-, NS, light brown hair, graying temples/moustache, wants genuine relatedness and monogamous safe sexual relationship (open to more) with an honest, clean, responsible, sensitive, down-to-earth bottom who is HIV-, NS, 35-50, tall, dark, thin, hairy, who knows his place and wants more than vanilla. Tight body, big feet and a brain are nice pluses. Call ★★3494.

Daddy For Asian/Hispanic Boy

Boy is under 40, smooth, obedient, versatile. Daddy cares for boy, directs him, ties him up in love and lust. Daddy doesn't hurt his boy but punishes as needed. Boy plays too. Likes massage. Your daddy is short, blue collar and educated. His fingernails are sometimes dirty, but yours are clean & neat. Your mouth is a joy. Daddy's strong hands caress boy's body. Call ★★3495.

Looking For Friends, Open To More

Cute GAM, 20 years old, college student, humorous, honest, friendly, seeks GWM, 20-26, sharing similar qualities for hanging out, fun times, friendship and more. Please, must send photo and note (will return). PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★3496.

I Like Ass

This attractive GWM, 40, 6'5", 200 lbs., top, is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees. You: attractive GWM, 18-35, with a hungry butt. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now! Call ★★3497.

Happy HIV+

But I feel branded. Despite the challenge I still want an exciting, healthy relationship with a great guy that understands how I feel. I'm 36, Fr/Ital, 6', 175# (aka, tall, dark and handsome). My dream man is younger with great looks, has a fun personality and a big, beautiful dick (like me). Don't look back! Look forward to good friends, parties, Russian River, rollercoasters, good sex and more! Call ★★3498.

Marriage Material

I'm 41, GWM, professional, attractive, confident yet not overbearing, 5'10", 155#, seeking an Asian or Latin partner, preferably younger. My friends describe me as kind, solid/stable, intuitive, occasionally mischievous, romantic idealist, often paradoxically surprising, man-of-mystery, and trusted confidante. HIV-, nonsmoker or heavy drinker. I'd be especially attracted to someone who found it difficult to answer a personal ad. I'm easy to talk with, so please respond. Reply BT Box JA101A or call ★★3499.

HIV+ White Males:

Cute guy, 32, w/long blond ponytail, blue eyes, 5'8", 160#, muscular runner's body, seeks guys younger than himself only. Slender, muscular, geeky radicals, creative night people especially encouraged. No drugs. If you absolutely dig males, seek non-pushy versatile real guy, value loyal friendship, then let's talk or maybe meet. My favorites: sex with abandon, foreplay, extreme privacy, total honesty. Oh, yeah: kissing required. Call ★★3500.

Get A Life!

Somebody said to me once... but how? Maybe looking for a sincere, loving, drug-free, cleanshaven WM is asking for too much, but it is the only solution to my "problem." I proudly am Mexican, 5'10", 155#, almost 20 and not anybody's one-night stand. Pluses: Southern accents, blue eyes, inexperienced human beings. Call ★★3501.

HIV+ Top Seeking HIV+ Sub. Bottom

GWM, good-looking, 5'11", 155 lbs., 43 yrs. old, seeking to date and possible relationship with someone who is shorter and lighter. Likes to go to movies, dinner, dancing, road trips, ocean and having fun at home. Not into the club scene every weekend, smoking or heavy drinking. If this sounds like you, call and let's try it out. Call ★★3502.

Dominant Male

Seeking submissive buddy for monogamous action, safe and intense, including body worship, performance instruction, spanking, condomized penetration, eventual bondage and unrelenting tit play. No brutality, bodily elimination or games. Limits respected. You're tall, 30-50, HIV-, disease-free, nonsmoking, light drinking, with a very lean, well-exercised, dark-haired, sensitive, hairy body. You have smarts, spunk and a desire both eager and sincere to serve a 5'10", 163#, 40s, damned good-looking, immovable top. Strip and kneel before an irresistible golden-haired body, commanding presence and wicked pale-green eyes. Do it. Call ★★3503.

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Friendship First

GWM with integrity seeks another. I'm 31, attractive, 5'9", 155 lbs., HIV-, with brown eyes, brown hair and moustache. You're under 35, masculine, HIV-, height proportionate to weight, smoke and drug-free, seeking either a monogamous relationship or a platonic friendship based on honesty and integrity. Interests include: movies, music, hiking, bike riding, religion, computers and quiet evenings at home. PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★3504.

Love A Big Basket And Big Buns!

Black male, 47, dark, moustache, hairy chest, graying everywhere. Stable, fun, nice-looking, HIV-, safe, masculine bottom. I want a white male, 38-59, stocky or muscular, who is definitely a top. Friendship first; passion and lust second; and marriage third. Photo if available or a good description of self and why you are answering this ad. E.H., PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604.

Looking For Average Joe

I'm an attractive, masculine WM, 32 years old, 6', 175 lbs., brown hair, blue-green eyes, beard, physically and emotionally healthy HIV+, with a great sense of humor. My interests include running, hiking, music, 49ers, movies and my work. You are between the ages of 25 and 50 and basically attractive. Husky build or moderately overweight is OK. Your career and economic status are immaterial. If you're masculine & comfortable being with men, let's get together. Use "call star" mailbox ★★3505 or respond to Boxholder, PO Box 410881, SF 94141.

I Feel

Perfection is static, growth dynamic. Dynamic guy seeks anything but perfection. I'm 27, 5'9", 160 lbs., br/gr, smooth, clean-cut, hung, uncut, HIV-, intelligent, spiritual & vegetarian. I'm into: art, food, sex, magic, metaphysics, reading, outdoors, concerts, massage (physical & cerebral) & cuddling. Not into: games, bars, Republicans, liars. You are: intelligent, playful, spiritual, HIV-. Turn ons (not requirements): hairy bodies, big cocks, facial hair & older guys. Reply with photo & letter. Reply BT Box JA102A or call ★★3506.

Finalist

Ed McMahon assured me the millions are coming but until then I'll continue looking for a boyfriend or hopefully some interesting dates. Successful, attractive GWM, 39, 5'10", 155#, HIV-, brown/blue, seeking accomplished nonsmoking HIV-, 30-45 y.o. man with East Coast humor and Midwest disposition for Bay Area romance. Interests include outdoors, music, gym, laughter and candlelight dinners. Hurry, once the money comes, I won't run another ad. Call ★★3507.

Bikini, Thongs, G-Strings

Do you have an underwear fetish? I do. I'm blnd/blue, 5'9", 160#, with boyish good looks. I would like to meet other enthusiasts. Asians especially welcome. Safe, playful fun only! Call ★★3508.

Dildo

GWM wants to experience safe dildo play from a bottom's perspective. Safe play only. You: HIV-, cleanshaven. Me: 50s, in-shape, cleanshaven, HIV-. Call ★★3509.

Love To Love You

Baby. I'm 37, 5'9", 150#, dark blond & blue eyes. Trim, fit, cleanshaven, HIV-, nonsmoker, into aerobics, self-help, sunshine, art & men. Looking for young-looking, mature-thinking, fun-minded folks for dating, talking, massage, sex, short trips, long trips, head trips and surprises. Prefer Caucasian, cut, nonsmoker, versatile, HIV-w/varied interests, liberal-minded, who likes going out dancing as well as renting videos. Please call ★★3510.

Seeking Mr. Compatible

Where do you find an attractive, compatible man to date these days—maybe a *BT* ad? Here goes: GWM, 42, 5'8", 160#, blnd-brn/brn, moustache, HIV-, sexually bottom, NS/ND (friends say I'm attractive and look younger). Professionally employed; varied interests—friends, exercise, movies, theater, dining out, the outdoors, dancing, traveling, new adventures, etc.; varied qualities—communicative, honest, romantic, level-headed, easygoing, etc.; varied physical appeals—GHM, GAM, GBM, dark hair, blonds, my age or younger. Call me, let's check out compatibility. Reply BT Box JA103A or call ★★3511.

Looking For...

Down-to-earth, physically fit GWM for good times, romps in the City, and eventual probable hot safe sex. I am an in-shape 33, stand 6', weigh 165#, with brown hair, blue eyes and glasses. Like reading, writing, walking, old movies, and frequenting the usual haunts in the City. Tell me about yourself and your interests. Let's get together. Reply BT Box JA104A or call ★★3512.

Hose Me Down!

Very well-built, boyish white guy, 46, new to WS scene and curious, wants to be on the receiving end of your recycled beer. I'm healthy, horny, muscular, short, blond. Requirements: you be healthy, muscular, lean, masculine. Extra credit if you're East Bay, uncut, hung big with low hangers, and can piss like a donkey. Drink up, save it and call me. Call ★★3513.

East Meets Far East

European-born video producer, 48, seeks warm, communicative, sensual, nurturing relationship with Asian, 25-35, who values the deeper things of the heart. I'm a compassionate, spiritually oriented fellow with a fund of creativity as well as a large appetite for the comic. My friendships are lasting. Interests include the healing arts, language, community and stage performance. I'm 5'7", 150#, HIV-, with salt and pepper hair, gray-green eyes, Roman nose. I look 40, am trim and appealing. You're a sensitive, thinking guy, outside the bar circuit, who flourishes in the love of a more mature man. Let me be he. Call ★★3514.

Ay Queer Kid!

I wanna sweep you off your feet, carry you naked into a bedroom and make wild, passionate love to my boy. Since I'm 5'9½", 170#, you be light enough to lift. You're still in your 20s, desiring older queer to kiss, suck & fuck you to extinction. Essential you be HIV-, slim, bright, cute, NS, ND, an eager submissive bottom. Honest pic to PO Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3515.

I Know You're Out There Somewhere!!!

It's real simple! Above all you're genuinely sincere, mature, value integrity. Preferably 24-29, laid back GAM, GLM, GWM, who shares similar character and interest with this masculine 35 y.o. GLM, 5'8", 170 lbs., goal-oriented professional who is educated, communicative, humorous, enjoys fun, movies, outdoors, volleyball. Sprinkle your letter, photo/phone with fairy dust, watch the magic grow. Reply BT Box JA105A or call ★★3516.

Native

Rare find! Local athletic, masculine, slim, healthy, bright, optimistic, affectionate WM, 36, 150#, 5'10", HIV-, brn, brn, enjoys outdoor adventures, world travel, communication. Seeking active, athletic, upbeat, healthy, HIV-, NS, ND, good-looking slim guy under 40 to share fun, friendship, trust, love, life. Prefer Marin/Sonoma. Enjoy! Call ★★3517.

Asian Boatswain's Call

Like chantey? This handsome, 25, 5'8", 145 lbs., HIV-, trim, smooth and athletic GAM wonders where all the real hunky bears are. If you are a 28-38, HIV-, attractive, hairy, husky and warm-hearted GWM, let us have solemn pep talks. Prefers E7 or above, moustache appreciated. Reply BT Box JA106A or call ★★3518.

Tired Of Sleeping Alone

Still looking for that special someone to develop a loving relationship with (true friendships are also welcome). He is a GAM, GWM, GLM, thin, under 40, HIV- & drug-free. I'm a GWM, 37, 5'11", 145#, HIV-; quiet, shy & gentle in nature. I like tennis, music, cuddling, quiet evenings, etc. PO Box 1041, Alameda 94501 or call ★★3519.

Do You Long For More?

32, GWM, 180#, 6', dark hair/eyes, clean-cut, good-looking. Warm, kind, considerate, intelligent and faithful. My quick wit and lively imagination make me an enjoyable companion. Seeking monogamous relationship that will be a give and take between us—an ongoing process that leads to growth. I need you for the very qualities you have to give in a loving relationship and you need me for the very same reason. We need each other because the love we have to share is the promise of fulfillment. I need a stimulating environment to shine at my brightest. You have humor, stability, determination, intelligence and reality. You're 22-35, nonsmoker, good-looking, HIV-, well-proportioned. No matter how busy our professional lives may become, home is always where our hearts will be. At the end of the day I need a place of repose, a small circle of intimate friends and a man to hold and love me in the quiet of the night. PO Box 425483, SF 94142 or call ★★3520.

Are You Looking For A Prince Charming?

Skip this ad. I'm looking for a caring and committed individual who is ready for serious, monogamous relationship. I'm 33, 6'3", 180#, GJM, HIV-, professional, independent, NS, honest. I have wide range of interests. I think to be a person more important than to have a personality. I hope you can be my special person, especially if you are about my height and weight, between 33-45 y.o. So I'm waiting for your letter (photo is appreciated and will be returned). Reply BT Box JA107A or call ★★3521.

Silver Maned Seeks Young Partner

GWM, 55, 6'2", 195#, HIV-, handsome, caring, available; seeks educated and in-shape GWM, 25-38, drawn to older men generally and seeking one in particular. Am business owner who enjoys independence, sharing, solitude, friendships, charity interests, walking, at-home movies, sports on TV, healthy food, impromptu gatherings, exploring the Bay Area, humor and intelligent exchanges of all kinds, including massage. Send thoughtful letter and photo (returned) to: BT Box JA108A.

Integrity And Honesty

GWM, 45, HIV-, 175#, 6', br/gr, professional, conservative, well-educated, financially secure, stable, balanced, cleanshaven, confident, nonsmoker, no drugs, seeks masculine, relationship-oriented GWM, preferably 30-50, to share the joy of living and loving. Not into bar scene; interests include running, reading, theater, traveling, solid friendships, humor, movies. Reply BT Box JA109A.

A Glimpse Of...

An intelligent, passionate man in his mid-20s. So much of my life is good. But love makes the good more fulfilling (funny that). I am: silly, romantic, sorta interleckshul, informed, opinionated, open-minded, talkative, stable, 6'2", 165#, HIV-. I don't: smoke, use, watch TV, vote right of center. I'm excited by: heated chemistry, intense conversations, smoldering gazes, passionate kisses, warm embraces, loving friends, tingling caresses, making a difference. I want: an extraordinary man in his 20s who loves life and has solid character. Your letter and photo gets mine. Tell me enough about yourself and describe a recent experience that's given you goosebumps. PO Box 11932, Stanford 94309-1932.

Educated Asian

GAM, 29, 5'8", slim, dependable, employed, college graduate, no smoke/drug. Like antiques, arts, classical music, beaches and quiet evenings. Seek intelligent, stable GWM, 29-45, for long-term monogamous relationship; friendship first. Reply BT Box JA110A or call ★★3522.

Asian Aroused

And looking for landing. Seeking traditional family values: intimacy, sharing and long-term compatibility. Adventurous, intellectual, masculine yet sensitive describe me. Handsome and fit, 5'6", 128 lbs., early 30s. Would like to meet sweet and cute guy or compatible equal near my age or younger. Race unimportant. 5214-F Diamond Hts Blvd., Box 812, SF 94131,

Looking For Chubby Buddy

I'm 47, beefy bear, bottom, masculine and sincere. Looking to meet masculine, chubby guy, 25-45, for friendship and more. Let's meet and get to know each other. I live in SF. Send photo to PO Box 291, Daly City 94016 or call ★★3523.

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It doesn't have to be love to be pleasurable. I'm a friendly, good-in-bed, masculine, 45 y.o. WM desiring to meet a WM sngl/cpl under 40 that equally enjoys TLC sex. Me: 5'7", br/blu, (thinning), HIV-, clean-cut, average build, nice-looking, sexually versatile but not kinky, prefer similar. Your place or mine. Newcomers, first-timers OK. Discretion assured. PO Box 6643, Santa Rosa 95406 or call ★★3524. Don't be shy, try.

Come On, Let's Fight Racism In Our Underwear!

Blond Taurus top, 6 ft., 170 pounds, desires to dance and grind away the struggle with masculine, educated, cultured, African-American men. Can you match my aggressively upbeat sex-as-politics attitude? R U a talented bed partner, communicator, fun, masculine guy my size? Open to long-term friendship with a quality (as non-white as white can get) man? If so, reply to BT Box JA111A.

Please Don't Be Married

Being single isn't so bad. Yeah, right. Neither is George Bush as president. Do you think I voted to go through four more years of that? I'm a 26 y.o. GWM, brown (receding)/hazel, 220 lbs., 6'1", average looks and HIV-. Do you have a good sense of humor, enjoy movies that don't involve dismembered body parts, drink coffee, a Democrat (or any other misc. liberal party) and are employed or retired young? If so call ★★3525.

Please Say Yes

Asian male, 27, 5'7", 140#, attractive, muscular legs, professional, level-headed, looking to connect heart & soul. Value integrity, strength of character, accumulating wisdom, straightforwardness, humor, spontaneity. Enjoys cheap dates, volleyball, karaoke, non-fiction, outdoors, dancing, thriftshops, friends, intimate get-togethers, getting to know you and your skin. You: GWM, 23-35, fit, good-looking, HIV-, stable. A lot to be thankful for... Now all I need is you. Call me. Let's be more than 2 rifts passing by. Call ★★3526.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 33 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response to Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★3527.

A Real Lover

Asian male, 31, 5'8", 145 lbs., professional, open-minded, well-built, sense of humor. Seeking AM/WM, 25-40, for friendship or relationship if possible. No smoking/drinking. South Bay preferable. Write: PO Box 2009, Santa Clara 95055-2009 or call ★★3528.

Deaf Love Relationship

GWM, 43 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, 170#, 5'8", non-drinker, never drugs, smoke cigarettes only, honest and affectionate. Enjoy cooking, camping; love football, especially 49ers; learning computer; relaxing on quiet evenings with someone; eating out with friends sometimes. Seeking GWM, 35-45, hairy, honest, gentle, sincere, no drugs and light alcohol. If interested, please write me with photo. Boxholder, PO Box 3598, SF 94119. Photos will be returned.

Yours Free

If what you're looking for is a boyishly handsome, romantic, creative, intelligent ruffian (and you can tolerate my smoking), I'm waiting. You should be under 40, honest, expressive, sensitive, swarthy, and willing to build—through thick and thin—a spectacular union that would amaze even us. What does it take to capture your heart? I'm waiting... Reply BT Box JA112A or call ★★3529.

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Getting ready to unleash the Queen SWM 29, 5'8", brown/blue, finally seeking husband. Look beyond race, age and so on to the potential! I can be masculine, tender, top, bottom, nurturer, homemaker. I would gladly keep house for an affluent man, or work if two incomes are needed. I believe in Diana, Dionysus, the old gods. Favorite movie: *The Wicker Man.* Help me create something good. Call ★★3530.

Zebrahead

Hi! I'm seeking a BM for dating, fun and possible relationship. He should be 25-40, HIV-, NS, well-built, physically fit. He should like to cuddle & be romantic. I'm a 39-yr-old WM who's 5'10" w/short brown hair, blue eyes, very muscular & very athletic, into trisports, music, gyms, movies, good food and more. Let's begin 1993 the right way! Call ★★3531.

Hot 3-Way!

Imagine being sandwiched between 2 horny, attractive, hung, young guys. We're looking for steamy, cum-squirting sex. Athletic men, 21-30, with thick meat, write to: PO Box 606, Redwood City 94063.

Would You Be My Valentine?

Young & cute GAM desires a big brother/daddy type gentleman (35-50) for these cold winter nights. I love dancing, candlelight dinners, arts, KQED, etc. I offer lots of love & affection for the right person. U B attractive, HIV-, professional, honest, sincere, fun to be with. Let's explore life together. Returnable photo please. South Bay preferred. PO Box 203, San Jose 95103 or call ★★3532.

Swim With This Guppy

GWM, 24, looking for friends and more. I'm good-looking, professional, in-shape, outgoing, and I like to laugh. Am looking to meet a bright, 20-something, cleanshaven nonsmoker to swim, work out, hold hands, see movies, eat out, eat in, and wake up with. Reply BT Box JA113A or call ★★3533.

Honestly

Attractive GAM (age 22, 5'7", 132 lbs.) seeks attractive, loving GWM/Eurasian (age 20-35) for friendship that catalyzes a long-term, devoted relationship. You're sincere, well-educated, communicative & goal-oriented. I'm wholesome, caring, intelligent, humorous & conversant. You're NS, ND. I'm attracted to a clean-cut, cleanshaven look and a well-proportioned body. We enjoy reading, good conversation, classical music, economics, politics, nature, movies... Call ★★3534.

A Great Catch For A Special Guy

Or two or.... (as in a dude or guest ranch or a cowboy looking for another to take care of his/their place or any guy who knows he wants a guy like me)! GWM, 5'8", 175#, 40, blond/blue, HIV-, versatile. Nonsmoker/doper. Great cook! Not a vegetarian! Enjoys role-playing games, dancing, singing and more. Likes, hobbies, plus, too numerous to list! Cowboy at heart! Does not fit the stereotyped gay male! Open for marriage. Cuddly. Is into rubber and leather gear. Can't get enough of either! I'm an incurable romantic, am perpetually horny, a really wild and weird guy! All replies will be answered, photo requested. Reply BT Box JA114A or call ★★3535.

Just Sex!

Hot, horny and very oral. That's all I want. I'm 32, 6', 155 lbs., well-built, work out 4 times a week. Looking for a GWM hunk (25-35) for hot safe fun. You must know the pleasures of kissing. SF only. Call ★★3536.

Celebrate Black History Month

... By removing each other's clothing. Happy 6 ft., 170 pound, blond crewcut Taurus looking for friendship and fun with men of all colors, especially toothsome African-American men. Me: body of stainless steel, heart of gold, clear, steady mind, spirit as cheerful as the sun. (Talented tongue 2.) Relationship experienced, available long-term. Desire intimacy, sleep-overs and safe sex, relationship as politics erotica. Men my size. Reply BT Box JA115A.

Short, Dark & Passionate

About life. More specifically, art, architecture, travel, dining, health, friends, career and last but certainly not least, romance. I'm 5'5", 31, 133 lbs., br/br, HIV-, well-built, masculine and Jewish. You're someone who's warm, confident, intelligent, creative and doesn't take yourself too seriously. You're well-built, HIV-, 25-36. NS, ND. If that's you, let me know. Reply BT Box JA116A or call ★★3537.

I Dare You

To befriend this GWM, 43, 5'7", 137 lbs., HIV-, for part-time relationship. Have long-distance lover, but need supportive companion now, for dining out, Gay Men's Chorus concerts, Sims Center events, symphony, theater. If you're GWM, non-fat, nonsmoker, 40-55 years young, HIV-, seeking friendship, and don't mind a guy who walks with a cane, then take my dare. Answer this ad. Reply BT Box JA117A.

Dark Hair, Moustache A Must!

A man with dark hair and moustache or beard always gets a second glance from me. I love the "clone" look. My problem is I'm cleanshaven, with the boy-next-door look. But over the years I've caught the eye of a few of those men I desire. Me: GWM, 30, 6'3", 180#, brn/blue, average build. I like to think I have my life together, but escape to Europe whenever I can. You: dark hair, moustache or beard, 30s, stocky build a plus. I'd like a hairy chest to curl into. I hope you like to travel because there are places I'd like to show you. Reply with photo that I'll return. Reply BT Box JA118A or call ★★3538.

Like To Watch, Be Watched

Or maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o., short guy, 5'5", in good shape, nice dick, hairy legs, ass. You are any age, healthy and hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★3539.

Are You Tired Of Settling For Sex...

... When you really want physical intimacy? I'm open to anything from quietly cuddling and conversing in bed to playful wrestling with/without J/O. I'm bright, musical, humorous, compact build, bald, hairy body, GWM, 40, HIV-. You're assertive, young-faced, medium build or heavier, full head of hair (queer cuts okay), G/Bi/Q white/Asian/AmInd. Us: cleanshaven, no smoke/drink/drugs (light drinking okay). If friendship also develops, that's wonderful; but this is a physical intimacy ad. Please write Boxholder, PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★3540. (English/Cantonese).

Jewish Or Jewish-Looking?

You just might be my type! Me: GWM, 28, br/br, 5'10", 135 lbs., HIV-, hung, fair-skinned, boyish, intelligent, 70 percent bottom. You: GJM (or similar), 28 to 40, HIV-, gym or athletic build (trim, not fat), hung, the more facial/body hair the better, 70 percent top, professional preferred. Object: love affair, boyfriend, maybe more. Photo/info to PO Box 2264, SF 94126 or call ★★3541.

Massage Junkie

Love kneading your sore muscles on my table. If you are slender/med. build, in good shape, mostly bottom & want a relaxing time—in the City or the river—send pic & description. Warm up in this rain. Me: 39, blond, blue, 5'8", 140#. Photo to: Box 471, Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★3542.

Next Deadline for All Ads: Jan. 22

All I Need Is You
GWM, 45, 5′10″, 150#, brn/grn, HIV-, considerate, honest, shy, affectionate. Likes sci-fi, Buddhism, movies, classical music, Macintosh, sharing quiet times together. Seeking friendship with good people. Want monogamous relationship. Looking for GWM, very slender only, 30-45, integrity, sincerity, affectionate, positive outlook. Prefer very slender, dark-haired, little body hair, bottom. No drugs, no smoking. PO Box 642, Los Altos 94023 or call ★★3543.

Tall, Dark And Asian?
Handsome GWM, 33 (look younger), 5′8″, 142#, br/bl, gym-toned, clean-cut, HIV-, NS/ND, would like to meet you. I offer a warm and loving heart, a good sense of humor, keen intellect, honesty, spirituality, integrity and a myriad of life experiences. Please be relationship-oriented (not into one-night stands) and send detailed letter with photo. You will receive the same in return. Thank you. Reply BT Box JA119A or call ★★3544.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship
Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5′10″, 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box JA120A with a photo or call ★★3545.

Could I Be For You?
GWM, 40, 5′10″, 170, very well-built, fantasizes about playing a femme role sexually & in relationship. I know this is not p.c. and I still look like a well-built boy at my age, but want to meet one man who is turned on to this. A sincere man, well-built, who likes being a real man and daddy. Want to explore private cross-dressing for you. Reply BT Box JA121A or call ★★3546.

No Big Hair, Cologne, Gold Jewelry Here
I'm an easygoing, fun-loving, QWM, 40 (sometimes passing for 30), handsome, 5′11″, 165, br/bl, cleanshaven, w/short hair, a sometime activist, part-time volunteer and part-time slacker (currently career changing). I love nature, visual arts, architecture, big cities. Not really the stay-at-home type—love hanging out at cafes, going to clubs, museums and in general exploring the Bay Area. I'm interested in emotionally available and physically fit, smart and affectionate men near my age or younger with complementary (but not necessarily identical) interests. Reply BT Box JA122A or call ★★3547.

Modern Day Paracelsus
Sought by recovering student: 6′2″, 175, svelte, athletic; erudite, lime-twist wit, blue collar urbanity; like literature, ecology, history, law, museums, county fairs, the big screen, wilderness escapades, fish, fruit, fresh pastries, hot showers. You: 25-40, complex, spunky with rough edges; affinity for humor, variety, gay metaculture; value candor, reciprocity and kindness in relations. Aim: find elixir for friendship with syncopation. With thoughtful reflections. Reply BT Box JA123A.

Seek Companionships/Friendships
Gay Asian male, 28, 5′4″, 132 lbs., wish to meet guys, 18-35, who share common interests to pal around, have fun and form close relationships with. I enjoy dancing, working out, ballet, cooking and outdoor activities. Prefer nonsmokers with no other addictions. If you also need more friends in your life, please call. Thank you. Call ★★3548.

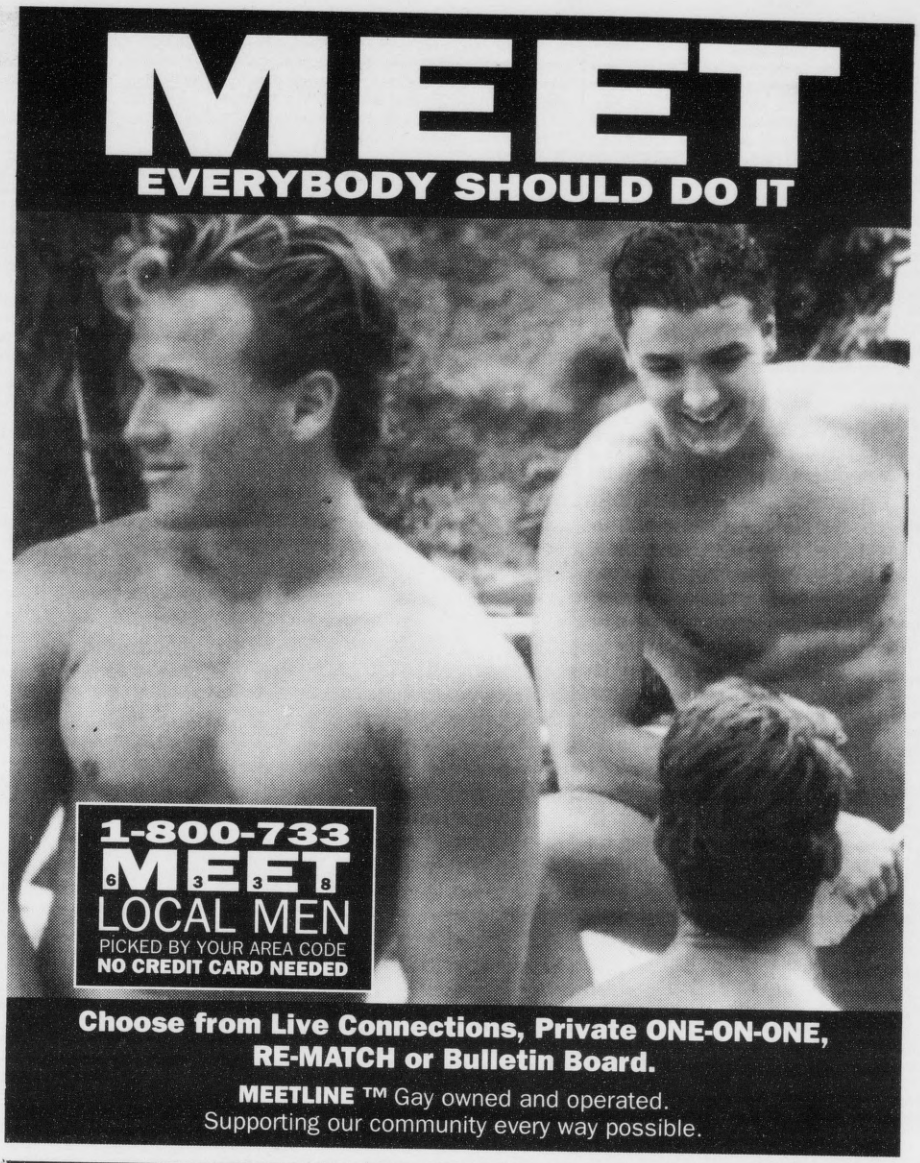
Sex Plus Friendship?
You can't mail order a relationship. If it works, two work it. Still, I'm old fashioned: sex first, then maybe more. In body: 5′9″, 165, brown/blue, 49 and very well hung. I'm hungry for hot head, full body play, passion and creativity. Words enthrall me too: books, theater, politics, conversation. Ideas, food, travel, nature are all draws. I'm real, not perfect, you be too. Call ★★3549.

Ticklish Feet
Or anywhere else? This good-looking GWM, 33, 5′11″, 165 lbs., brown hair and eyes, and in excellent health and shape, seeks athletic guys, 18-25, for friendship and passionate, safe times. Laugh yourself into ecstasy! And it's safe, so try it. Call ★★3550.

Arab Or Persian?
Stocky GWM, 30, 5′6″, 155#, moustache, seeks muscular, hairy Arab and/or Persian men for fun, sex and friendship. Your photo gets mine. Reply: Boxholder, 601 Van Ness Ave., #E3116, SF 94102 or call ★★3551.

Micro-Cosmic Brew
Laterally mobile, 37, 5′7″, 130#, smooth-skinned, slim and sensual, long brown/green glass light beard queer veggy SF pirate biker outlaw freak lyricist and astral break-dancer prefers motorcycle friendly, well-informed, caring individual with heart of space and ageless soul. Light drinker or heavy beer. Occasional puff. Bicycle, guitar, computer, jazz. Sacred geometry, heretical screed. Seen God. Remember the face but not the name. Call ★★3552.

East Baying
Me: 52, 6′3″, HIV-, masculine, good-looking, intelligent, stable if somewhat neurotic, gym 3x week, gray (silver) hair. Enjoy good conversation, music (early r&r), classical, blues, affection, sharing, hiking, art. You: a few important similarities, a few fascinating differences. We: enjoy each other. Send a letter or call. Reply BT Box JA124A or call ★★3553.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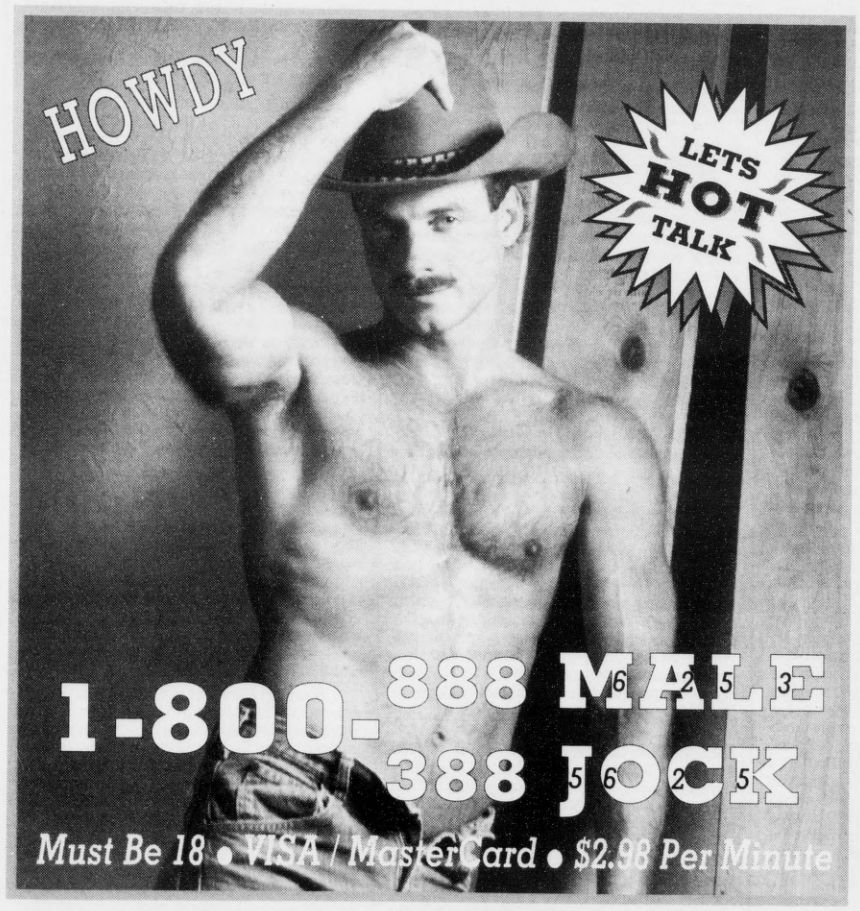

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Down-To-Earth
Asian, 5′10″, 160 lbs., 29 y.o., brown skin, athletic, into cycling, arts, reading, eating out, movies, goal and career-oriented, but accept unconventional and alternative thinking and lifestyles. Would like to meet WM under 32, similar build and similar outlook. Friendship most important, but sex would be wonderful too. Call ★★3555.

Are You Interested In Being A Husband?
You are a man's man; you can change a tire easily or fix a leaking faucet. You can handle yourself in a fight but nobody challenges you due to your presence. You can be tender and you cried when you watched "Brian's Song." You are a natural man. Me? A boy/man, self-reliant, but want to be a complement. Success in career, but lonely. I yearn to blend my life with you. I'm 40, 160, good-looking, muscular. Call or write. Reply BT Box JA125A or call ★★3556.

Masculine Italian
Straight-looking and acting, 6′2″, husky build, 40ish, dark eyes & hair, moustache, hairy chest, considered good-looking and younger appearing. Easygoing and down-to-earth, but a take charge kind of man. Versatile top. I smoke cigarettes and drink moderately. Healthy HIV+. Seeking attractive, slim, masculine, happy, mellow man who might be interested in a quality relationship. Reply to: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★3557.

Hairy Legs/Cute Face
That's me. Wait—there's more. I'm 27, 5′6″, 125 pounds, HIV-, professional, dark brown hair/green eyes, hairy legs and butt, college sports nut. I'm orally obsessed, very sexual, into nudity, fantasies and creative scenes. You: any race, thin to stocky, sense of humor, intelligent and love having your cock worshipped. Special turn-ons: hairy guys, men of color, dad types, great kissers. Let's do it! Call ★★3558.

Young Romantic Top Sought
Who's gorgeous outside, sweet inside, built, HIV-, willing to be versatile; who'd like to connect with gorgeous model type WM, HIV-, with bedroom eyes and hunky butt. Am also bright, energetic, great cook, well-traveled. Can be slow starter, discreet, or gung ho (you call the shots). No one-nighters—serious only. Respond with photo (returned with one of my own) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

Seeking Lean Extra-Sub
If you're a lean bottom's bottom and can service a tall, late 40s daddy; a masculine boy who keeps daddy's butt clean at all times and wants to make a permanent home for your dad and yourself, this ad's for you. Seeking a submissive son whose life is focused only on his daddy and nothing else. HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drug user only. Call ★★3559.

Ticklish?
I'm a great tickler. I can usually find ticklish spots on people who claim they're not ticklish. A favorite fantasy of mine involves tickling a hot guy similar aged or younger, and watching him writhe and jerk in an absolute ecstastic frenzy. Cute, dominant, 28, seeks my submissive counterpart. Bondage, light to heavy S/M, role-play, etc., added if you wish. Let's discuss this in further detail... Call ★★3560.

GWM Wanted
GAM, 27, 5′7″, 140, HIV-, professional, like tennis, gym, movies & romantic dinners. If you are 25-35, in-shape, sensitive & caring, with similar interests, let's meet. Call ★★3561.

Shiny Happy People
Like many things, life is best shared. I am seeking a youthful companion with whom to share life, love and friendship. I enjoy bicycling, hiking, exploring the city, movies, cooking, live music, Star Trek, long conversations, poetry, silly humor, electronic music, the things they do at Dead shows, coffee shops and computers. Me: 30, 6′, 165 lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, slender and in good health, healthy libido and sexually versatile, spiritual transcendentalist. Ultimately desire a committed, monogamous relationship which begins with friendship. Also interested in finding beginning workout partner. You: any race, similar physically, emotionally secure and under 32 please. Bonus points for nonsmokers, non-drinkers, students, musicians, long hair, those skeptical of personal ads, healthy sense of realism. Users, abusers, co-dependents need not apply. Don't write an essay, just call me. Call ★★3562.

Love Lottery
My two cats give me a lot of affection but I crave the touch of human skin too. HIV+ GWM, 44, 5′8″, 140, brn, hzl, moustache, quick wit, sense of humor and easygoing nature. Considered an attractive daddy or older brother type. Smoke, drink and other vices when available. Top, but versatile, Castro or Folsom. Always interested in hugging, holding, massaging and sex. Retired and living on fixed income. Interests include IBM, Nintendo, videos and other couch potato pursuits. Would like to meet younger GWM/HIV+/PWA with similar interests for a chance at romance. Your ticket may win! Send it with photo to BT Box JA126A.

Natural History Of The Senses
Sensualist seeks passionate adventurer to help explore the range of the senses. I'm a 25-year-old GWM, muscular, educated, clean & sober, professional with a kid-like fascination with pleasurable experiences. You should be 24-35, mentally, physically and spiritually fit, attractive GWM looking to enjoy life to the fullest. Picture appreciated. Reply BT Box JA127A or call ★★3563.

Can You Top This?
GWM, 40, 5′10″, 170, very well-built, athletic, supportive, caring, HIV-, love videos, sports, reading, seeks very well-built GWM, 30-50, good-looking, more top side. Reply BT Box JA128A or call ★★3564.

East Bay
43-yr-old, 6′1″, dirty blond, WM, professional seeking confederate who also enjoyed the holidays and now has to go back to the gym to pay for it. Fun, sensitive and honest (193 lbs.)... hate TV, but I like to bike, play racquetball, and having substantive intercourse over a good meal. Witty and a little sarcastic... looking to develop a relationship with compatible Mr. Right. Call ★★3565.

Proud
Of who I am and how I live my life. I'm a supportive friend, gregarious companion, dedicated professional, reliable dog dad, steadfast volunteer, aggressive bicyclist, enthusiastic sex partner, and until my lover died in '91 was a committed mate. I'm 42, 5′10″, 150#, bright, humorous, handsome, athletic, HIV+, healthy and looking to share some time (and maybe my bed) with a man who has emotional maturity and integrity. Call ★★3566.

Looking For A Guy
To go out to restaurants, movies, clubs, to pamper and share fun times. Have good or stupid conversations, sex, J/O sessions, exchange B/J or quiet times in front of the television or fireplace. I am 24 years old, Asian, down-to-earth, open-minded, sexually versatile and you are cleanshaven and under 30. Reply BT Box JA129A or call ★★3567.

Pampered
By nice-looking GWM couple, both negative, both over 40. You must be over 30, 150 lbs., very oral, loving, honest and willing to be with both of us, two times a month for a TLC relationship. Reply PO Box 502, Guerneville 95446.

Young Cub Seeks Daddy
Old enough to know what I want, but young enough to want it from someone older. I'm 26, 5′4″, 132, with tight, slightly hairy, defined body from swimming and bodybuilding. I dream of getting lost in your kiss and feeling your muscles around and inside me. I picture you as muscular/beefy, aggressive and in charge. Photo/letter to: PO Box 14591, SF 94114.

Hot Blond
Wants you for plain, basic sex and possibly other intercourse. I'm 5′6″, 145 lbs., blue-green eyes, HIV-, average & uncut, hairy (arms, legs, chest), versatile, bottom, very nice gym-toned body, nice looks, easygoing, 40-something. Ideally I'd like to corral you (plus a couple more) for my stud range (remote, out of state). Write PO Box 26458, SF 94126 or better yet call now ★★3568.

Vital White Guy
32, 5′4″, 118 lbs. I'm a smart, funny and damn good-looking professional artist looking to meet men who are intelligent, have a good sense of humor, are HIV-, and are a pleasure to look at. I like both short and tall guys who take care of their bodies and who are interested in an affectionate fuckbuddy arrangement which may possibly evolve into something deeper. It would also help if you like frisky bottoms who are masculine, hairy, dark and trimly-bearded. All are welcome, but blonds get the red carpet! Call ★★3569.

Balance—Body And Soul
Asian/Latin/all races, 20-35: seeking just friends or eventual Partner. Me: music (Cole, Orbison, Bolton, Sade, Streisand, Mahalia, jazz, etc.), Twilight Zone, Titanic, Poe, Van Gogh, Kierkegaard, independent Christian, philosophy, no heavy alcohol/drugs, lite Cheapthrill video, Kirk Cummings, ethnic food, Buckley, Columbo, Looney Toons, Newhart, Chaplin, etc. You: ??... I'm WM, 30, 5′9″, 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, easygoing & good-looking. Letter/photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★3570.

Like Islanders, Filipinos Or Hawaiians?
And are you tired of club types but still desire grace and sex appeal? Are you a healthy, good-looking GWM or GLM, 21-35? I'm a Pacific Islander, handsome, clean-cut, tanned, athletic, NS, HIV-, 28 y.o., 5′9″, 155#, straight-acting, military reservist, financially secure, masculine and gentle, American-born, witty, well-educated but modest and understanding, speak Spanish and German quite well. Let's meet! Reply BT Box JA130A or call ★★3571.

Can I Be Your Valentine?
I thought you'd never ask. I get home after working out. You come over, drenched in sweat from pumping iron. Candy and flowers in hand, bedroom thoughts, you're so-o-o-o romantic. I maintain things, you're a top, a builder and strong. You can open the mayonnaise jar. While I write on computer my epic novel about my 40 years on the planet, you gaze in my brown eyes, take my head in your hands and kiss me. I'm in heaven. Reply BT Box JA131A or call ★★3572.

Like Football Players?
Are big guys a big turn-on? Need an older brother? Check out this WM, 45, 5′11″, 230 lbs., with brown eyes, hair and moustache. I have a good attitude, friendly supportive nature and intelligence. I am very fit, very healthy, not hairy, strong and active, but with a major beer belly! I like hiking, films and loving. Write Boxholder, PO Box 424986, SF 94142-4986 or call ★★3573.

Rock And Roll Over?
Ruggedly handsome WM, 6′2″, 165, dark blond, blue, clean-cut/shaved, tattooed, sensual, safe, sane, nice guy, needs clean-cut, versatile man, 22-32 agewise, for regular sex, spontaneous laughter, beers and everything in-between. Limits respected/expected; HIV unimportant. "All aboard for funtime." Drop me a line. Call ★★3574.

Your Valentine Awaits In Eureka
He's an attractive, in-shape, very young 60, 5′8″, 155, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard/moustache, hairy chest, clean, neat, honest, dependable, nice guy. Enjoy home, reading, music, board games, plants, good conversation, quiet times. You be mature and in-shape as I am, nonsmoker. Businessowner a plus and I'd consider relocating and become partner/lifemate. Take a chance. Boxholder, PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★3575.

If You Know Campbell
Like I know (Campbell), Carl (Jung), George (B. Shaw), Wolfie (Mozart), Matt (Ramsey) & love *Tosca,* "Northern Exposure" & *Hadrian's Memoirs,* then our agreement might be so total we'd bore one another totally. Should you think not, let's talk. (Just friends if HIV+.) Otherwise, I'm an HIV-, hi-energy, older, slim, uncut, hung, queer scientist who loves to make love to cute young bottoms. PO Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3576.

Young & Hot?
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Bright, thoughtful WM, 49 yrs. old, 6′2″, 185 lbs., blue/brown, Anglican, likes poetry, music, books and the perpetual quest to comprehend it all. You're a kindred spirit, smart, strong, slender, sexy and easygoing. We each have patience, and a measure of humor and skepticism. We are each, in Gandhi's words, "Tender as a flower—tough as stone." Call ★★3578.

This Guy Is Right For You If:
You're looking for a handsome, 6′4″, blond, moustachioed, creative professional, vintage '55, who is HIV-. Likes: dog walks, exotic travel, hiking and skiing at Tahoe, ethnic foods, opera, theater, and romantic hours in front of the fireplace. Dislikes: smoke, drugs, fads, manic personalities. I'm looking for a strong and sensitive man who's tall, in-shape, adventuresome and has a good sense of direction and humor. Reply PO Box 14612, SF 94114 and call ★★3579.

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Who require very dedicated oral servicing will get the attention of my warm, eager mouth! No complications, just really great head from an attractive, fit & healthy, 48 y.o. WM. Be willing to strip, lean back & tell me how you want it. I'll do it & even try to bring you off twice. I'm good & you should try me! Call ★★3580.

Mature WM
Mature WM, 60+, stable, emotionally available, affectionate, financially secure, energetic, retired, romantic, HIV-. Widower, now single but looking for a buddy and steady connection any age to cuddle and spend time with and enjoy all the usual things that two guys do that make life worth living. Statistically: 5′7″, 170, balding, lightly bearded, hairy, top, sexually adventurous, but not really looking for only a sexual fling. You: honest, healthy, drug-free and capable of relating to a mature man. HIV status unimportant. San Francisco resident preferred. Call ★★3581.

A Little Of This And That
I'm interested in meeting GLM and GWM to rendezvous to our heart's content. Things we could do include: long walks, a movie or two, early morning breakfast, late night cozy conversations, coffee talk, dinner/lunch dates, and/or whatever sparks motion. I'm Latino, 23, 6′, brn/brn, 155 lbs., HIV-. You can be similar or close to my range, give or take a few years and pounds. Call ★★3582.

Manly Asian-American Boy
I'm my own man out in the world but a tender boy when held safe and secure in a strong man's arms. Built strong like a man: 5′10″, 180 lbs., broad shoulders, barrel-chested, 34″ waist, stocky, working hard to get toned at the gym. My interests include dancing, music, karaoke, sci-fi, computers, movies. I'm 23, HIV-, somewhat versatile. I'd like to meet a single, gay man in the East Bay or San Francisco who's 28-35, non-jaded, masculine, sweet, sensitive, stable, romantic, intelligent, fun. Physically he's preferably hairy, tall, with facial hair, average to cubbish build, (501s or daddy types a plus). I'm hoping something special can develop with the right guy (except one-night stands). I enjoy sex with dirty talk, but even more, the tender cuddling afterwards. We both value intimacy and commitment, are caring, honest, drug-free, not into head games. Call ★★3583.

Blue Collar Buddy Wanted
Blond professional seeks to meet blue collar types: carpenters, plumbers, construction workers or other muscular, blue collar workers. My interests include: movies, travel, outdoors and home life. I frequently receive all expense paid vacations and if you would enjoy being my travel companion on my next trip to a Mexican resort community, call ★★3584 or write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Who Put The "Stud" In Studious?
Intelligent, articulate GWM with glasses is also a passionate, versatile Italian (HIV+) with a big... libido. Attractive, boyish, trim, short (5′5″) brn/brn, mid-30s. Terrific sense of humor, dog owner/lover, real nice guy. Love popular music (Louis Jordan, June Tabor, Sondheim), movies, dining out, but most of all staying in, talking, laughing and making love with a special person. Open to whatever, though I have lots to offer, emotionally and physically, to the right person, and I'll run this ad till I find him. You: mature, but fun-loving GWM in good shape, late 20s-early 40s, no drugs. Call ★★3585.

Fun, Honest, Serious Beginner...
... Butch brunette, 5′10″, 165 lbs., professional, looking for friendship and fun with white males into dancing (2-step plus) into the early hours. New at this but eager to try anything twice. Desire intimacy, sleep-overs and safe sex. I'm just looking for a good time, and somebody to take me out and paint the town red. I'm a top looking for somebody to top me. Reply BT Box JA132A or call ★★3586.

Sensitive Nipples
Affectionate, healthy mind/body, SF WM bear/cub, 43, 5′4″, 143 natural toned lbs., design professional/horticulturist by day. Loves being oral, having my shaved nipples played with, long slow J/O. Like me, you are HIV-, non-substance abuser, with a mellow personality. Turn-ons: unhurried lovemaking, nipples with a commanding presence, the outdoors. Any similarly-minded out there? Reply BT Box JA133A.

Leather Fetish Sex
Sexually versatile, HIV- GWM seeks HIV- partner who enjoys doing it in leather: bareassed penetration in chaps, bumping and grinding in leather jocks, bondage in full leather, dominance and submission in hoods, mug muzzling gloves, in your face codpieces, tall boots, skintight gear, leather, leather, leather. I'm handsome, 40, 5′11″, 160#, with a nice build and a great, playful and intense sexual imagination. Call ★★3587.

Only Shy With Strangers
You: Mature (35-50); healthy; NS; ND; dark or blond hair/complexion; have 7″ or more (uncut a plus); moderately hairy; are smart, big-hearted; like kissing, cuddling, touching; sexually adventurous with right person; believe a great sense of humor is essential (and a turn-on); know your own mind without being opinionated; striving for honesty and authenticity; have learned to respect the power of love; know and respect your magical self; looking for sexual friends with possible LTR. I am all of the above (except hairy), specifically mid-40s, 5′10″, 180#, 7″ cut, Aries, cartoonist, would-be writer, movie buff, nature/outdoors lover. Don't be a stranger. Reply BT Box JA134A or call ★★3588.

I'm Shy Cute GAM
I'm 5′4″, 120#, and have moderated, toned build, smooth body. I'm easygoing. Would like to meet friends who appreciate a man who enjoys quiet times on the beach, jogging, weight-lifting, body toning, general body health, and meeting people. If you're mature, 20-35, weight/height proportionate, G/Bi, white/Latin, educated with good moral values, like to hear from you. "GAM," PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★3589.

Camille Paglia Thinks I'm An Idiot...
... I'm out of the closet, feminist and capable of linear thought. Are you an idiot, too? Some of our other salient characteristics include: liberal politics, an easy laugh, emotional competence, a sleek, well-oiled brain, a humanist, experiential world-view rather than a moral one, a taste of creative adventure and an athletic, 28 ±8-year-old body with a yen for exercise—in the mountains, on the street, at the beach or in the sack. Potential points of divergence include but are not limited to: (1) General appearance; I'm handsome, 5′6″, blond-haired, blue-eyed elf. (2) Occupational identity; I'm a diligent graduate student in the sciences while the sun shines, a humanities wannabe dilletante the rest of the time. Photo (returned) and letter to BT Box JA135A or call ★★3590.

A Passion—
For life, for romance, for intimacy with its trust, vulnerabilities, and honesty. Handsome, masculine, HIV-, 37 y.o., GWM, 6′2″, br/blue, 195#, NS/ND, professional. I'm emotionally aware and available as well as being introspective and spiritual; caring and non-egocentric, touching and relationship-oriented. Athletic, work-out, like to laugh, walk on a beach, or rest in front of a fire, hike or travel. Would like to meet other professional, attractive, masculine, HIV- GM, 33-43, with some similar interests and values for a possible friendship/relationship. Call ★★3591.

An Appealing Asian Guy
GWM wants to develop a meaningful relationship with you. I am attractive, affectionate & sincere. Call me down-to-earth & appealing. Masculine & caring. Youthful late 30s, 5′10″, 160, healthy & toned body. Nonsmoker/drinker. You are preferably under 39, healthy, medium/slender build, attractive & friendly. Varied interests including hiking, gardening, dancing, keeping fit, movies, cars. And sharing intimate evenings alone with you. I look forward to our times of getting to know one another. Please, sincere & serious-minded only. Call ★★3592.

Great Lovers Are Great Friends
I'm 6′2″, 165, blk/grn, handsome, free-spirited Southerner, 30s, HIV-, new to city. I love being spontaneous, keeping fit, motorcycling, giving, laughing, campfires, healthy cooking, cats, smooth bodies (blonds a+), meditating, and simple living. Seeking an attractive and fit, cleanshaven optimist around my age who doesn't smoke or do drugs, has little body hair and no attitude, and doesn't need me to be happy. Call ★★3593.

Can You Do Your Own Tool?
If you are 30+ and would like to have a videotape of yourself in action, healthy GWM who is fascinated by men who can suck themselves off will be happy to provide this service. Completely discreet, confidential and safe. If you are interested, send description and photo (returnable—xerox OK) to Boxholder, 740A - 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★3594.

Unconventional Queerboy
Good-looking, 33-year-old, graphic artist (Macintosh/conventional), loves music (rock, blues, Irish, etc.), alternative radio (KUSF, etc.) & dancing. I'm loking for a guy with a great sense of humor who likes good conversation, has an optimistic attitude & loves hot sex. Take the plunge. Call ★★3595.

Hot Safe Sex Party
In my SF hotel room, 2/12. You: under 35, hard body, very good-looking. I'm 27, HIV-, very good-looking and great body. Will select hottest men. Send photo and description to Box 421, 1450 Sutter St., SF 94109 or call ★★3596.

Seth Teaching
Looking for a long-term relationship with someone who also wants to create a loving, playful reality a la Seth Teaching. Attitudes of acceptance, openness and fun are wanted. Qualities of directness, honesty and humor are more important than activities, which might include massage, walks, eating out, or movies. 51 y.o. GWM, 5′10″, 170#. Call ★★3597.

HIV+/Good Body/Stable
And like movies a lot. GWM, 32, br/br, 6′ tall, 180 lbs., masculine, seeks athletic (or just natural stud) and healthy HIV+. I am boyfriend-ready, an aggressive bottom. Like music from Kim Deal to Debussy to Louis Prima. Am honestly good-looking, a Catch. You must be emotionally "there," take good care of yourself and like sweaty men sex. My fantasy: falling in love with someone who can empathize with HIV that I can support as well. Photo and letter a plus. Reply BT Box JA136A or call ★★3598.

East Bay
Outgoing, adventurous, athletic GWM, 27, 6′2″, 188, looking for friends/dates. Clean-cut and in good shape, I lift weights but am not a BB. I'm into backpacking, sports, dancing, movies, duplicate bridge and ST:TNG. We should share some interests, but I'm not looking for my clone. After all, variety is the spice... Please write 20824 Mission Blvd., #845, Hayward 94541 or call ★★3599.

Where Are The Masters?
Blacks preferred, all welcome. Hairy+. SF area. Age? but are for 99 percent of anything. Honest detailed letter preferred of needs, wants. Sweaty, kink, WS, jockstraps, smokers, drinkers. Racial, dirty, V/A a must. Candlelight sex, wow! Body to body with 40s, 5′8″, 152, big shaved balls, meat. No phone J/O. Late. Explicit. For callback, if on same wave band. Reply BT Box JA137A or call ★★3600.

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1962, 25-35, 78, 67-74, 190, 16½, 42, 37, 35x35, 14, 18x14, 19, 11+3+3, 750/800/690, 1/461, 1990, 8 388 608, 8/12. Twice. GWM professional seeks handsome or cute dark-haired or Latin for warmth, amusement and fulfillment. NS, ND, masculine, fit not fat, healthy, hair on top of head, sense of humor, passionate, honest. 530 Lawrence Expwy, Box 425, Sunnyvale 94086 or call ★★3601.

Healthy Veteran HIVer
I tested positive more than six years ago. I'm asymptomatic and my bloodwork consistently tests within normal range. I'd like to meet others who share my skepticism about AIDS diagnosis, prevention and treatment, for friendship, support and exchange of information. It wouldn't hurt if you have a sense of humor, love movies, read everything in sight, and wish your landlord would let you have a dog. Call ★★3602.

Heart's Delight
Rugged, smooth, masculine Asian, 45, 5′9″, with positive attributes and altruistic values seeks similar cleanshaven, gym-toned, muscular WM into casual or intensive relationship. Enjoy running, workouts, camping, arts, politics, PBS, dancing, music (new age, vintage rock 'n roll and classical), travel, cuddling and quiet times. Wish to meet a sincere, warmhearted romantic to communicate and share intimate feelings and affections. Interested? Box 27024, SF 94127 or call ★★3603.

Seeking Fun And Companionship
Handsome GAM, 32, 5′8″, 140, healthy, in good shape, seeks GAM or GWM, 25-35. I like weekend getaways, cuddling in front of sunsets, cycling and camping. I am easygoing, warm, professionally employed and down-to-earth. Interested in dating first with relationship as a possibility. Let us talk and meet. Call ★★3604.

Artist, student, 31, GWM, cute, 5′8″, 165 lbs. Trying to maintain creative awareness in this capitalist world. Seeking someone with similar concerns: 25-40, independent, communicative, sexual, culturally radical. Call ★★3605.

Muscles/Musclemen
Black male, 38 y.o., 6′, 200 lbs., brown hair and eyes, cleanshaven, top, masculine/semi-muscular, into all sports, love music, reading, and cozy fireplaces, seeks submissive bottom bodybuilders only. Must want to be pampered, massaged, rubbed down and satisfied with 100 percent u-cut beef. Req'mts: 6′-up, definite defin-

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Seek Non-Materialistic Gay Asian
By that I mean valuing spirit/connection/usefulness more than stuff/status. I'm GWM, 43, 5'11", 170, bearded, balding, Jewish, attractive, professorly/fatherly-looking. I enjoy my teaching job, making videos, playing piano while others sing, walking outdoors, more. Seek reliable, communicative, masculine, HIV-, non-substance dependent man for dating, friendship, cuddling, sex, fantasies, romance and/or monogamy. Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★3606.

Say!
Where're you guys? Is romance kaput? Must we all be reduced to types & nothing else? V. attractive, uncomplicated kinda guy looking for another. Sex is great; but friendship is more important. Serious—can be demented; that too! Shallow—bye bye! Late 20s, tall. NS, ND; hysterically fun, outdoorsy, opera-loving, city boy (!?); averse to fakes, self-importance, wannabes. V. easygoing, bright, well-traveled but my feet are firmly on the ground. Whadyasay? Call ★★3607.

Special Person
6', 250, 30 y.o., Black male, looking for love, friendship and possible long-term relationship; very much into sports and the arts and various types of music, such as jazz, r&b, classical, just to name a few; love hiking and biking and camping; love cooking fabulous dinner for that special person. You are any race, between 5'5" and 6'10", 25 & 50 y.o., HIV- and some of the same interests. Drinkers, smokers and drug users need not apply, so if you are that special person, call or write. Reply BT Box JA138A or call ★★3608.

AAa +
Would be my rating by Moody's if I were a bond, but I am not. However, I'm still a great investment. I'm seeking attractive, HIV- men under 33, who are willing to invest the effort in getting to know someone in order to earn the high-yielding returns of a good friendship. My stats are: American Asian, 29, 5'9". 145 lbs., HIV-, professional, in-shape and very handsome. (No hype!) Call ★★3609.

Asian Sought
GWM, 31, 5'8", 155 lbs., attractive, easygoing, HIV-, looking for that special Asian male, 25-35, who is relationship-oriented. Our interests include: outdoors, camping, cuddling, sex, gardening, biking, art, movies. We are both health-conscious (non-smoker, drugs, drinking) and exercise regularly. Please call, I want you to be my valentine! At ★★3610.

Spiritually-Inclined, Handsome & Romantic
Emotionally & financially secure, honest, compassionate, NS/ND, HIV-, healthy & fit, 30-something GWM into traveling, massage, my home, inner-growth, *A Course in Miracles*, Unity & Science of Mind, spicy Reds & Sauvignon Blancs, Red Zinger & Good Earth decaffeinated teas and making you melt, purr mmmmm good! Looking for similar in soulmate. Please write soon with photo (flannel sheets and fireplace aren't enough) describing yourself physically, emotionally, spiritually, sexually, professionally, goals & dreams and why you would make a great Valentine. Reply BT Box JA139A or call ★★3611.

A Pure Sex Ad
Hey, I'm honest! Not seeking lover, friend or any other emotional attachments. Basically straight, needing expert oral service. No reciprocation. Blond, blue eyes, handsome, 5'10", 165 pounds, 35, professional, very masculine, well-hung, cut. One-night stands or repeat action OK. Expert servicing only, please. My place (East Bay) preferred but will travel for exceptional service. Anxious to explore other unusual pleasure scenes also. Any ideas? Call ★★3612.

A Few Good Men
Are all I seek for old-fashioned date. Very good-looking, fun, fit, 28 y.o., easygoing, spontaneous, romantic, bullshit-less, unconventional, HIV-, Asian, 6'1", 180#, surprising, love outdoors, honesty, arts/music, wicked humor, friends, travel, old films/TV, opera, dancing, celebrating. Dislike hang-ups, emotional unavailability and people who can't really be honest with themselves. Have we anything in common? I know, none of us are perfect, but willingness to take risks a +, right? Call ★★3613.

Asian Cock/Ass Fucker Wanted
I like Asian cocks and balls. I like to suck, fuck and get it too. I want to make your cock feel good with my tongue, mouth and ass. Tell me what you like, desire; what turns you on and let's do it. I'm WM, 39, 5'11", near SFO but will go to you. PO Box 25333, San Mateo 94402 or call ★★3614.

We Can Have It All
Whether sex buddies, friends, lovers, we function best caring, supporting, "doing" for each other in an upscale lifestyle together. We're well-groomed, educated professionals with well-furnished minds, warm hearts, active libidos. You're 30-40s. I'm 40s, HIV+, smoker, blond, 5'9", 158. Both good-humored, responsible, love home, entertaining, relatively vice-free. We're creative, oral, great kissers, love nipple work, show affection. Let's play first and consider the possibilities. Call ★★3615.

Do You Like What I Like?
I like: People (the friendly, intelligent kind), thoughtful conversation, politics (liberal), jazz (Ellington, Miles, Mingus, Hargrove...), Asian cuisines (Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean), sweets, movies (junk to highbrow), Star Trek, Jeopardy, NPR, chess, poker, blackjack, dating, relationships, sex. I am: cute, 28, slim, 5'9", with dark brown hair and very blue eyes. You, please, are: similar age, nonsmoker, cute and...? Call ★★3616.

Please Use Your Boy, Sir!
Eager, submissive, Black bottom boy, early 20s, wants hot, nasty phone sex with dominant, aggressive tops, any race. Force me to my knees, use my wet mouth and tight round bubble butt, abuse and discipline me for your pleasure. Leave a message detailing your desires and best time to reach you. Ow! Thank you, sir! Call ★★3617.

It's A New Year
Time for new beginnings and maybe a new boyfriend. I'm 32, 6', 155 lbs., GWM, lead an active, busy life, professionally employed and very fit. I work out 4-5 days a week. I enjoy all that life has to offer and am open to new and exciting adventures. You should be under 36, in good physical shape, emotionally stable and independent, and have the ability to laugh at life. Let's meet and explore each other's interests among other things. Call ★★3618.

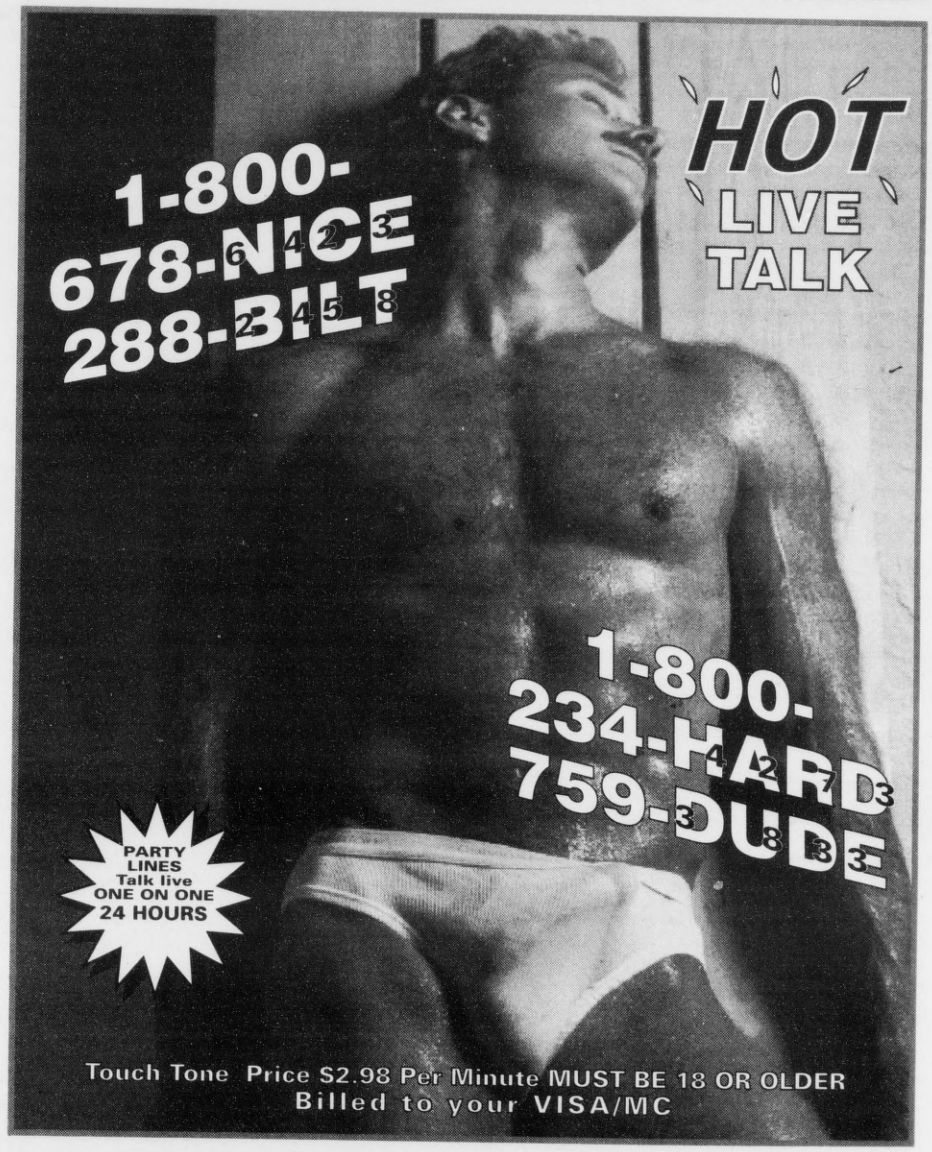
The Love Space Demands
It defines me as a warm, romantic, sensual, healthy, honest and attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., 36-yr-old GBM. It compels me to fill the void and illuminate the emptiness with the light of another. I know if I find someone who is 25-38, handsome, funny, stable, healthy, trim and sexually versatile/bottom it will be at peace. Let's explore life together. We can travel, dance, dine, hold each other, be playful in bed, and make dreams a reality. We will be engulfed by the Love Space eventually, but that is the reward. Reply BT Box JA140A or call ★★3619.

Yep, Absolutely Positive
Friends (and ex-boyfriends) say I have all the makings of a great husband—trouble is, I don't feel like getting hitched right away. I'm a 29-year-old of Hispanic descent who is quite busy pursuing graduate studies at SFSU. What I'd like is to meet someone who will appreciate my honesty, warm heart, my swimmer's build, my romanticism, my steadfastness, my ebullient brain along with the awakened passion for life that the virus has stirred in me. Sincere non-barflies encouraged to respond. Please reply BT Box JA141A or call ★★3620.

Blue Collar Stud In The City
Me: 35, 6'2", 180#, blond/blue, 'stache = handsome, athletically built, hairy & sweaty. Big, uncut, German cock; rock hard, hairy butt = versatile. You: 20-40, great shape, masculine, no tobacco. Pluses: dark hair (Latino/Medit./Arab), big & uncut, hairy butt. For: man-to-man animal sex, with a sense of humor. Call ★★3621.

Wanted: 18-35-year-old male, athletically inclined, swimmer's build or better, who is comfortable being a bottom and enjoys oral and anal safe sex. Spiritual a plus; to participate with 3 or more attractive, well-endowed, healthy men in monthly sex magick rituals. Only serious men, capable of honesty, commitment to monthly rituals, should bother calling. This is a noble group of men and we seek the same. We are not about orgies. Call ★★3622.

Cute GAM, 25, looking for all-American/preppy GWM, 18-35, interested in committed, loving, nurturing relationship. We are hard workers who will strive to build a good life together (though we aren't perfect). We are both NS, ND, HIV- and drink moderately or none at all. Our interests vary (I particularly enjoy the performing arts and politics) but we are open to new interests. We value honesty and communication. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JA142A.



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Masculine, in-shape (6'1", 185#, NS/ND), 42 y.o. Sicilian (brown eyes, hair, w/moustache) wants to meet a confident, dominant and unaffected "regular guy" between 30 and 45. I'm stable, successful and sincere, but have an extremely playful and adventurous nature w/many interests. These include travel, camping, scuba diving, BB, motorcycles, music, Zen and reading. Let's connect and see what happens! Call ★★3623.

Dark-Haired, Hirsute Men
Turn me on. Let's be specific! Me: handsome, masculine, 28, GWM, 6', 155, br/bl, HIV-, NS, educated and down-to-earth (except for passion for flying). You, likely: 30+, tall, hairy, hunky, handsome, happy, kind, gentle, quiet, non-bar/drug type. Receding hairline/beard a+. Must be communicative! We: looking to enjoy quality time together indoors and out. Goal: monogamous relationship. Please write and enclose photo (returned). Reply BT Box JA143A.

Hibernating Asian Cal Bear
Attractive and athletic GAM, 36, 145, 5'9", u/c, w/smooth, tanned, swimmer's built body, seeks similar GAM/GWM, 18-40, for nude beach going, dining, the arts, massage, cuddling, bicycling, or... after a good workout. You should be a non-smoker, non-drug user, healthy and health-conscious. Letter w/photo to: PO Box 16371, SF 94116.

Tall, Dark...?
My 6'5", 195 lb. stature need not be intimidating. Soft brown hair, glistening blue-green eyes soften masculine, handsome features. A physical, busy profession and regular exercise keep my health good. It is pure grace that I am HIV-. Seeking similarly healthy, masculine and loving guy, with sense of humor, up to 40. The possibility of erotic warmth, of mutual touch exploration, orally and sensually, with safe parameter. Initially, talk over dinner, walks, theater, ballet, movies, Chanticleer, Josie's Cabaret and, yeah, a video or TV, too. Please: no smoking or drugs and only moderate drinking, as I abstain. Would love a companion to explore, not necessarily a "one and only!" Reply BT Box JA144A or call ★★3624.

Asian Daddy's Boy Wanted
For relationship with stable professional. I'm in my 40s, 6' tall, 160 lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, nonsmoker/drinker, and not into gay scene. I'm caring, discreet with traditional values. I need a cleanshaven Asian in his 20s, for companionship, including safe sex. If you are shy or have special needs, I'll put you at ease. Reply to the Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square, #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★3625.

Safe Sex Engineer
Attractive, Mexican American, 31, HIV-, 180 lbs., 5'11", moustache, athletic, well-endowed (cut), sense of humor, reasonable but sometimes fanatical and loyal. I'm seeking a committed relationship emotionally/sexually that includes oral sex only (no anal), delicious kissing, with a white or Hispanic male to warm my nights (continuously, maybe?). Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 (include photo) or call ★★3626.

Newly HIV+
Looking for other HIV or nearly HIV+ people. But I am open to everyone. I'm new to the area and find it difficult to meet people here. Especially to date! I'm looking for friendships first. I like to bowl, camping, going to movies, theater, etc. I'm fun to be with. It would be nice to make some new friends. I'm handsome, masculine, affectionate, etc. Let's get together! Call ★★3627.

Handsome Hispanic Male
I'm 30, 5'11", 185, br/br, top, etc. I'm affectionate, romantic & fun to be with. I like theater, going to movies or just spending a nice, quiet, romantic evening by the fire. Looking for friendships and possible relationship. Prefer photo/letter. Call ★★3628.

Seeking Special Japanese
Handsome, young, romantic GWM is seeking cute GJM (under 30) for friendship/relationship or just enjoyable times. Dinner? Movie? I'm honest, kind, humorous, very ambitious, intelligent, and have a zest for life! Cleanshaven, 5'10", gym-toned, muscular, 150 lbs., brown hair, green eyes. Attracted to slender, trim, hairless bodies and big happy smiles! Honest, clean, sincere, important. I want to be in love with a special person. Let's start some magic! Call ★★3629.

Tall, Handsome Guy Wants Partner
Me: Masc., 6'1", 182 lbs., HIV-, beard/moust., in-shape, tired of doing it all alone. Am an initiator, nurturer, a non-pretentious, down-to-earth type, ND/NS, very instinctual, sexual, seeking similar. Like: gardening, dogs, 4x4 weekends, working with hands, painting, all kinds of music, fishing, camping, buddyship, eating at home with my special friend. Am intelligent, educated, housebroken but rough around the edges and feel alien to gay world. Seek men who are non-mainstream, caring, deep, and those whose sexual preference is not obvious; who have a man's mind. Let's do stuff. PO Box 31252, SF 94131 or call ★★3630.

Filipino Friend Wanted
Handsome GWM is seeking cute GFM (under 30) for friendship/relationship, or fun times! I'm young, honest, humorous, professional, intelligent, and goal-oriented. Clean-cut, 5'10", muscular, 150 lbs., German/English, brown hair, green eyes. Attracted to slender, trim-hip, hairless bodies and happy, outgoing personalities. Kind heart, ambitious and high standards are important. Prefer nonsmoker. Let's talk... this could be a start of something special. Call ★★3631.

Can I meet a foreign, dark man, 35+, not into bars? Me: blondish, Anglo, 6'3", 38, sexy, handsome, manly, work out. Reply BT Box JA145A or call ★★3632.

April In Paris?
Young GWM student, 25, visiting Europe this spring seeks others with travel plans or simple wanderlust. Eclectic, independent individual, physically fit and intellectually agile. I hope to see southern Spain, southern France, northern Italy, Amsterdam and Prague. Perhaps we'll see Paris, too. I'm following no set itinerary, only the spirit of the moment. Bilingualism desirable; sense of adventure necessary. Join me! Call ★★3633.

Where's My Man?
Deaf GWM, 40 years young (look 30s), 6', 146#, brown hair, blue eyes, masc., sweet, honest, humorous, good-natured and HIV-. Seeking gays/bis, Blacks/Latins, 21-45, masc., sweet, caring and affectionate for friendship and possibly relationship with honesty, heart and communication to spend some time with. A little affection really helps with life. If interested, please send me your letter with photo/phone to: Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223.

R U My Prince Albert?
Sweet little pea seeking fag to spend today with. Possibly tomorrow—if you're well-behaved. Pierced homos or appreciaters a+. Will pierce if necessary. Butch or femme, pls B hot. Luv and xxx's. Call ★★3634.

I'm Regular—Are You?
Digestion aside, I don't hang out in gay bars, don't have a nasal accent or use campy dialogue, and don't fit the classic gay stereotype. I have plenty of friends that do (D.) but that doesn't interest me for relationship prospects. You are definitely the same. I like masculinity, butch attitudes, straight-acting guys and pernicious, sarcastic intelligence. Stats: GWM, 5'9", 150, 30, educated professional. You're similar, level-headed, a good kisser and can entertain me on my back. Call ★★3635.

Contrasts
You'll be held, squeezed, nuzzled, pushed, cuddled, lifted, stroked, spanked, massaged, bound, licked, slapped, caressed, blindfolded, assured, ordered, hugged, gagged, cradled, shaved, snuggled, clamped, kissed, choked, respected, dominated... during your encounters with this exclusively top, fit, masculine, bearded, 34-year-old GWM—if you are younger, adventurous, smooth, submissive, of any race. Write me with your desires, descriptions and details. PO Box 61423, Sunnyvale 94088, photo a plus (returned), or call ★★3636.

Like Bill Clinton
In age, not looks. Look more like Dustin Hoffman. I want to settle down with a warm, witty, creative, huggable, stable man. Maybe even raise kids. I value kindness and a sense of humor. I like singing and acting, vegetarian cooking and passionate discussions. I'm 45, 5'7", 150 lbs., light eyes, dark hair, HIV-. I tend to favor chunky, boyish-looking men, but personality is paramount. Call ★★3637.

GWM Deaf
35 yrs. old, looks 29, energetic, seeks the same. Pls. write to J.H., PO Box 422411, SF 94142. I lead active life including various sports, weightlifting, nonsmoking & HIV-, light drinker. You: HIV- & nonsmoker. Tell me about yourself. Return response guaranteed when time permits.

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Next Deadline for All Ads: Jan. 22 for Jan. 28

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

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How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
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☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00

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☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . _____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . _____

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you

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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

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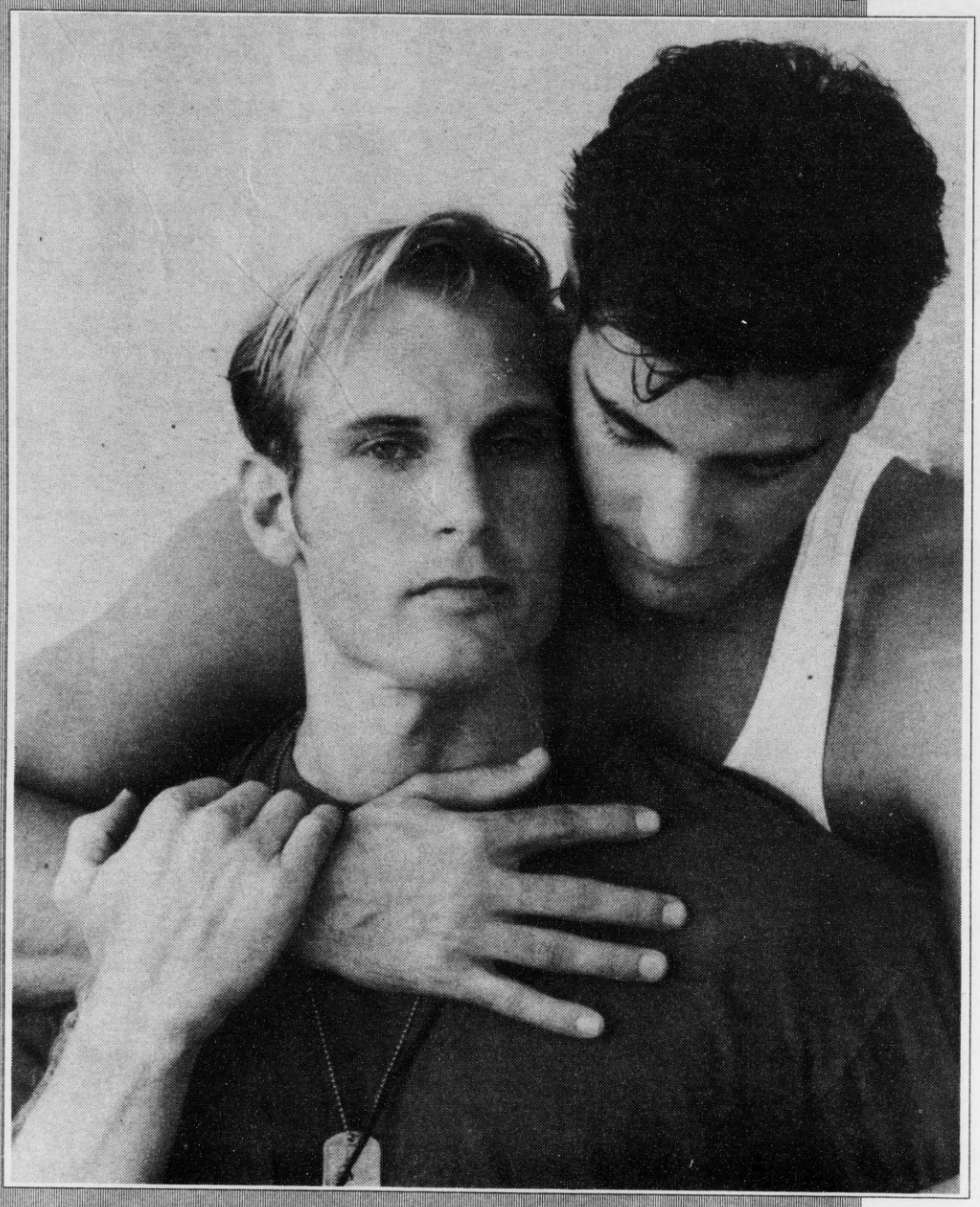

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English Speaking:
1-800-922-AIDS *(Southern California)*
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1-800-400-SIDA *(Southern California)*
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1-800-367-AIDS *(Northern California)*

It was hot. And it was safe. Well, sort of. For me, at any rate. And *don't* give me any grief about that—he knew what he was doing. A little crystal doesn't make you do anything you don't want to; it just makes things easier.

Besides, who knows exactly what's safe and what isn't? Sex is about having sex; who wants to talk about it?

We want to talk about it.
Call us. Get tested.